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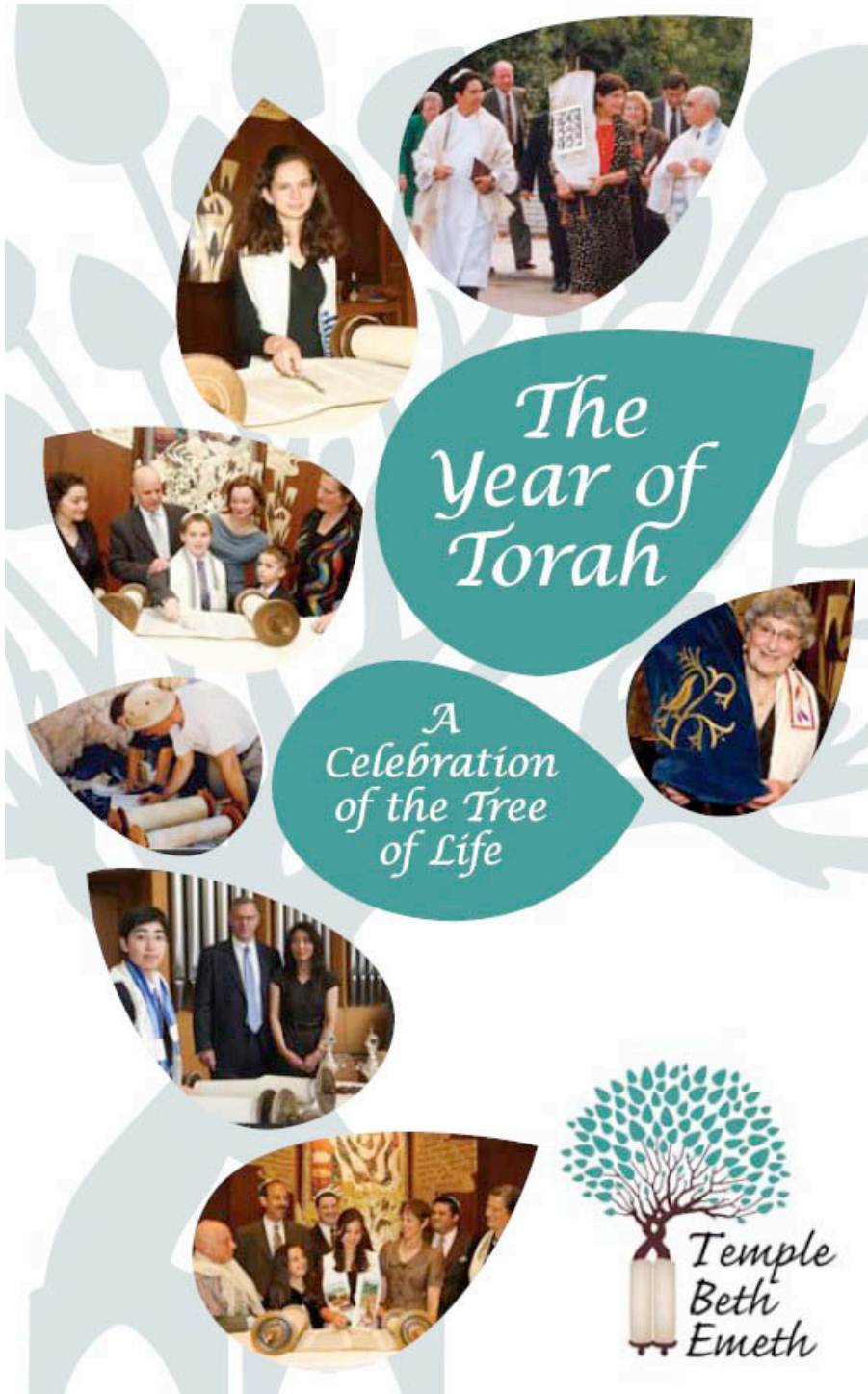

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5:30 pm Tot Shabbat
& Dinner
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

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5:30 pm Tot Shabbat
& Dinner
6:30 pm Sukkat Shalom (elementary)
& Shira (songs)
7:30 pm Shabbat Service

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Beth Israel Congregation

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Jewish Holidays, 5772

ROSH HASHANAH — September 29. The Jewish New Year marks the beginning of ten days of repentance culminating with Yom Kippur.

YOM KIPPUR — October 8. The Day of Atonement.

SUKKOT — October 13. Sukkot commemorates the forty years of wandering of the People of Israel in the desert after the exodus from Egypt. In memory Jewish people are commanded to build and live in temporary dwellings for seven days (Leviticus 23:33).

SIMHAT TORAH — October 21. Simchat Torah marks the completion of the annual reading of the Torah. The concluding section of Torah is read followed by the reading of the first section of Genesis, symbolizing the continuing annual cycle of weekly Torah reading.

CHANUKAH — December 21. Chanukah celebrates the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after the victory of the Maccabees over the Hellenistic (Greek) army.

TU B'SHVAT — February 8. Tu Bishvat is also known as the New Year for Trees.

PURIM — March 8. Purim commemorates the annulment of the decree against the Jewish people in ancient Persia (Late 6th century B.C.E.).

PASSOVER — April 7. Passover commemorates the exodus of the people of Israel from ancient Egypt.

YOM HASHOAH — April 19. Holocaust Memorial Day in remembrance of the 6 million Jews killed by the German Nazi regime and their collaborators.

YOM HA'ZIKORON — April 25. Memorial Day in memory of the fallen soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces and victims of Arab terrorism.

YOM HAATZMAUT — April 26. Israel Independence Day marks the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel in 1948.

LAG BAOMER — May 10. Lag BaOmer is the 33rd day of the Omer commemorating a break in the mourning period for the 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva (2nd century).

YOM YERUSHALAYIM — May 20. Jerusalem Day celebrates the liberation of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War.

SHAVUOT — May 27. Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah and the Ten Commandments to Israelites at Mount Sinai over 3,000 years ago. Shavuot means "weeks"; Torah was given 7 weeks after the exodus from Egypt. First harvest was brought to the Temple on Shavuot.

TISHAH B'AV — July 29. Fast of the Ninth of Av in the Hebrew calendar commemorates the destruction of the first and second Temples (the first by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E.; the second by the Romans in 70 C.E.). Expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492 also falls on this date.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS, 5772 (2011/2012)

All holidays begin at sunset the preceding evening

Rosh Hashanah	September 29
Yom Kippur	October 8
Sukkot	October 13
Shemini Atzeret	October 20
Simchat Torah	October 21
Chanukah	December 21
Tu B'Shevat	February 8
Purim	March 8
Passover	April 7
Yom HaShoah	April 19
Yom HaZikaron	April 25
Yom HaAtzmaut	April 26
Lag B'Omer	May 10
Yom Yerushalayim	May 20
Shavuot	May 27
Tisha B'Av	July 29

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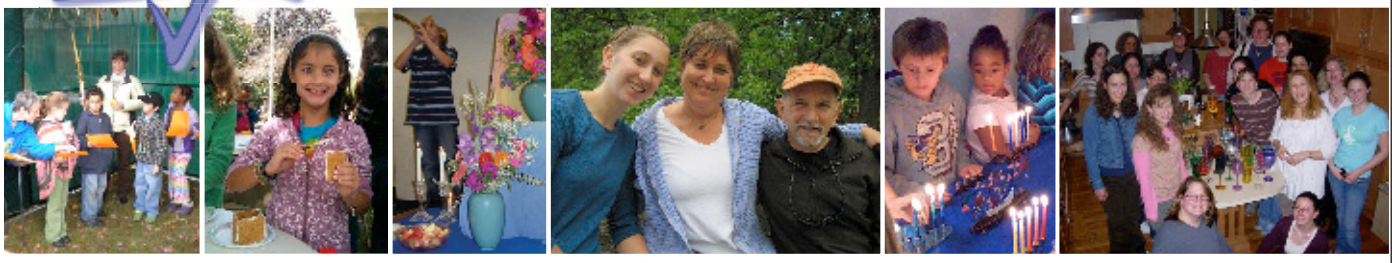

Community

- Secular Humanistic Jewish Community
- Celebrating lifecycle events
- Engaging adult education & social action
- Monthly Shabbat gatherings
- Family holiday observances

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- Learning about Jewish culture & history
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community organizations

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER ANN ARBOR

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At the center of a wonderfully diverse and welcoming Jewish community, the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor celebrates and strengthens Jewish life at home, in Israel and around the world.

Federation sponsors a wide variety of social, educational, cultural and scholarship programs throughout the year, including seminars and lectures, trips to Israel and community celebrations. Federation's fall "Main Event" brings together hundreds of community members to share an evening of community education and fellowship, and is a highlight of its annual campaign in support of Ann Arbor's vibrant Jewish communal life. In the spring, Celebrate Israel is a festive celebration of Israel Independence Day.

The 2011 annual campaign raised over $1.35 million from 1,200 donor families. In addition to supporting local Jewish agencies and overseas partners (see allocations sidebar) the Federation supports projects in Israel and around the world that reflect the unique progressive character of Ann Arbor. The Federation is an active participant in the Michigan/Central Galilee Partnership 2000 project, anchored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Detroit. Since 2007, Ann Arbor has had a special relationship with Moshav Nahalal, involving numerous programs and visits aimed at strengthening the Jewish identity and connectedness of both communities.

The strength of the Federation comes from its many volunteers and active participants in the annual campaign, community programs, af nity groups and committees. The Federation welcomes inquiries from new and existing community members who are interested in exploring ways to be involved or simply to learn more about Jewish life in Washtenaw County

Jewish Federation Of Greater Ann Arbor 2011 Annual Campaign Allocations

National

Jewish Federations of North America	$54,550
Jewish Council for Public Affairs	1,500
Taglit Birthright	5,000
Total National Allocations	**$ 61,050**

Overseas

Collective Overseas Funding	$209,300
Elective Overseas Funding	
Selah Israel Crisis Management Center	7,000
Hand in Hand Schools	5,000
Net@ (JAFI)	7,500
Interagency Task Force on Israel/Arab Issues	1,000
Welfare Relief in the FSU (JDC)	25,000
Partnership 2000	40,000
Total Overseas Allocations	**$294,800**

Local

Ann Arbor Eruv	$500
Chabad of Ann Arbor	5,000
Hebrew Day School	102,000
Hillel at Eastern Michigan University	11,650
Hillel at the University of Michigan	5,000
Israel Teen Scholarships	9,700
Jewish Community Center	155,000
Jewish Educators Council	5,000
Jewish Family Services	112,750
Jewish Federation and Community Foundation	530,000
Jewish Summer Camp Scholarships	5,000
Keshet Ann Arbor Hebrew Program	12,750
Michigan Israel Business Bridge	9,000
Michigan Jewish Professionals Organization	500
Reserve for Unmet Pledges	40,000
Total Local Allocations	**$1,003,850**

Total 2011-2012 Allocations $1,359,700

A complete explanation of these allocations can be found at www.jewishannarbor.org, under Ways to Give>2010 Allocations Report.

Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor

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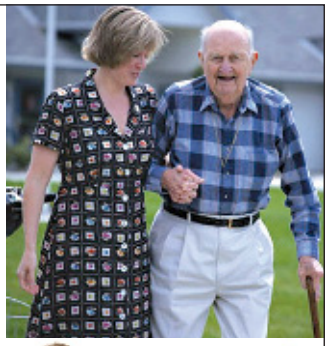

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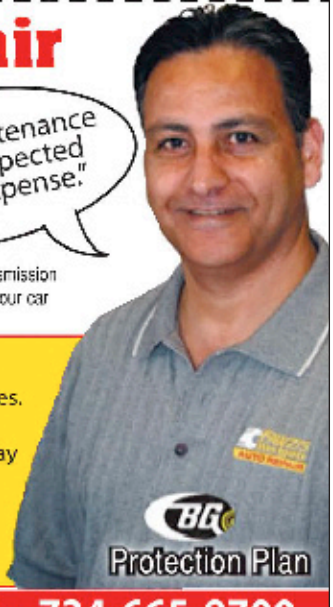

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The Jewish Community Foundation is operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and exists to ensure that the high quality of Jewish life will continue in Washtenaw County for community members' children and grandchildren. The Foundation serves as custodian for many of the endowment funds of area Jewish agencies and congregations assisting them to fulfill their future needs and dreams. Beth Israel Congregation, Chabad House, Hebrew Day School, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, Jewish Family Services and Temple Beth Emeth all partner with the Jewish Community Foundation to secure the financial future of the Jewish community.

The Foundation's board of directors is empowered to receive gifts and bequests of cash, stocks and property from individuals, corporations and other entities. The Foundation can help donors fulfill their philanthropic goals while addressing their estate planning and tax needs, through the creation of donor-advised funds, permanent restricted and unrestricted endowment funds, charitable trusts and gift annuities. The Jewish Community Foundation enables donors to assure that the institutions and programs in the community that they value will be available in perpetuity while leaving their own personal legacy in the community.

Contact the director of the Foundation or the executive directors of any of the partner organizations to consult confidentially about planned giving opportunities.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

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Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County (JFS), "Your Family in the Community," enhances the lives of individuals and families through social services, education and advocacy. JFS is accredited by CARF, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and is a Medicare and Blue Cross agency.

OLDER ADULT SERVICES

Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, short-term counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, patient advocacy, and information and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers provide friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors, as well as accompaniment to medical appointments through the Patient Partners program. In collaboration with the JCC, JFS provides a range of social, educational and cultural programming for seniors.

ELDERLINK

In lieu of a dedicated Jewish senior housing facility, ElderLink offers independent, assisted living and nursing homes, as well as home care agencies, the tools and ability to meet the needs of Jewish seniors. JFS trains staff and caregivers in Jewish culture, history, holidays, and the unique needs of Jewish older adults, along with providing Jewish social, educational and cultural programs at their facilities.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

The JFS Caregiver Concierge program assists adult children caring for aging parents. This program provides support through an extensive menu of services including information and referrals, facilitated introductions to facilities and service providers, monthly "Caregiver Conversations" support groups and educational workshops.

NEW AMERICAN PROGRAM

The New American Community Club assists foreign-born older adults in accessing social and medical services, offers direct psychological support and promotes the process of acculturation and integration into the larger community through a variety of support and social services.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

JFS offers mental health assessments, short-term counseling and referrals to mental health providers, as well as ongoing support to individuals and families.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

JFS provides help with job counseling and search skills, résumé preparation, job retraining, and other vocational and support services.

RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

JFS helps resettle new immigrants, providing pre-arrival, reception and placement services, and assistance in finding employment, housing, and household furnishings. JFS also helps new immigrants with daily English as a Second Language classes.

TRANSPORTATION

The JFS Transportation Program provides older and/or disabled adults with rides to medical appointments, social outings or on errands within the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area. The CareVan has a wheelchair lift and seating for ten. Other vehicles include a minivan and a station wagon to accommodate clients with different mobility issues. Reservations are required at least one week in advance.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

You can make a difference. Use your skills and talents, and enjoy a rewarding experience through the JFS Volunteer Program. Volunteers play an important role in fulfilling the agency's mission of service to the community. Flexible opportunities are available to volunteers of all ages, from young teens to older adults, including:

- Friendly Visitors for older adults
- Patient Partners to assist older adults at doctor's visits
- Professional services such as legal, counseling, and medical/dental
- Administrative and agency support in the office or at special events
- English as a Second Language (ESL) tutors and conversation partners
- Employment services and job searching
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The Jewish Community Center (JCC) strives to build a strong and cohesive sense of Jewish community and Jewish identity. The JCC initiates community-wide programs, brings together a diverse Jewish population, serves as a meeting place for Jewish organizations, and provides high-quality programming for Jewish people of all ages from the youngest child to the oldest adult.

During the year, the JCC holds many popular community wide events, including Apples & Honey (a family event celebrating the fall Jewish holidays), the Jewish Book Festival, Jewish Film Festival, a bi-yearly auction, Family Fun Days, a family Passover celebration and the Matzah Factory with Chabad.

The JCC is also home to the JCC Early Childhood Center, Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, Hebrew Day School, Jewish Cultural Society, Reconstructionist Havurah, the Washtenaw Jewish News, and a branch of ce of Jewish Family Services.

JCC SHALOM PROGRAMS

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Halye Aisner, director

SHALOM ANN ARBOR

The Jewish Community Center's Shalom Ann Arbor assists relocating families and welcomes them to the Jewish community. The Shalom Ann Arbor Welcome Package is an essential information packet for newcomers or those considering relocating to the city. It includes

the *Guide to Jewish Life,* the most recent edition of the *Washtenaw Jewish News*, a half-priced membership to the JCC, information on activities in the Jewish community, and more. A volunteer will be available to provide a personal welcome and introduction to Ann Arbor's Jewish community for those who have already moved here.

SHALOM BABY

Shalom Baby welcomes parents, their newborns and newly-adopted children into the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Shalom Baby provides growing families with a Welcome to the World gift bag full of fun and helpful gifts; information on parenting and Jewish resources for parents and families.

JCC EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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The JCC Early Childhood Center (ECC) celebrates Judaism in a loving, supportive environment that encourages children's creativity and spontaneity. The ECC strives to create a growing experience in which children will thrive.

The ECC is accredited by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC). Programs are provided for children ages two months to five years. The school offers morning pre-school and full and part-time childcare. In addition, parent/infant and toddler classes, Tot Shabbat, and pre-school enrichment classes are offered on a weekly basis. Songs, dance, holiday celebrations, and weekly Shabbat observance enrich the curriculum along with Shabbat family dinners, literacy events, and parenting programs.

Children are provided an opportunity for active learning that allows them to learn by being involved in their environment and by engaging in activities that encourage personal growth. They are given choices in the way they manipulate a variety of open-ended materials and with adult instructors who support their choices and listen to them. A loving, supportive atmosphere is provided in which a child's creativity and spontaneity are encouraged. A favorable staff-child ratio enhances individual and developmental activities designed to meet the child at his or her level of readiness. The program uses the High Scope approach to Early Childhood Education.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

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Shoshana Jackson, youth, teen, and camp director

The JCC's afterschool programs provide licensed afterschool care from 3:20–6 p.m. for JCC members in kindergarten through fifth grade. Transportation from certain local elementary schools is available. The Kids' Konnection program for grades K–2 features activities such as crafts, sports, holiday programming, and challah making on Fridays, while Kids' Club caters to the interests of students in grades 3–5 with separate fun activities and homework spaces. A Middle School Helpers program is also available for middle school students.

JCC afterschool enrichment classes offer professional instruction in subjects such as swimming, tennis, gym games, martial arts, jewelry, clay, scrapbooking, cooking, yoga, lego robotics, basketball, and a wide variety of other interest areas.

Kids' Night Out programs are offered approximately every other month on a Saturday evening. The programs are for grades K–5, and give parents a chance to go out and kids a chance to have an exciting evening of games, crafts, dinner, and a movie.

School's Out / JCC's In programs featuring field trips or special activities are offered from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. whenever Hebrew Day School and/or Ann Arbor Public Schools are closed for a day but the JCC is open. School's Out days are open to students from HDS, AAPS, and other schools and are for JCC members in grades K–5 (middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee).

Vacation Fun Days programs featuring field trips and special programs are offered daily from 8 a.m.–6 p.m. during the December, February, April, and Passover school breaks. Vacation Fun Days are open to students from HDS, AAPS, and other schools and are for JCC members in grades K–5 (middle school students may also participate as helpers for a reduced fee).

JCC Snow Day programs for JCC members in grades K–8 are offered from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. whenever AAPS schools are closed due to winter weather conditions but the JCC is able to safely open. Special activities are run at the JCC on those days.

The JCC also offers afterschool or Sunday afternoon birthday parties featuring themes such as sports, arts and crafts, cartoon characters, and more.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

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Middle School Game Nights for students in grades 6–8 are offered on occasional Saturday evenings. The Game Nights feature movies, dinner, and arcade games at the JCC from 6:30–10 p.m.

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The JCC also provides support to Echad BBYO, the Ann Arbor chapter of the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, which is open to teens in 9th–12th grade and organizes social events, community service activities, and leadership training experiences throughout the year.

In addition, each summer the JCC takes a team of Ann Arbor athletes ages 13–16 to the JCC Maccabi Games (www.jccmaccabigames.org). The JCC Maccabi Games are an incredible opportunity for teens to experience a week of Olympics-style sporting competition, community service, and social activities with Jewish teens from around the world.

CAMP RAANANA

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Shoshana Jackson, youth, teen, and camp director

Camp Raanana, the JCC's outdoor summer day camp for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade, offers the perfect environment for children to explore new interests, gain self-confidence, interact with other Jewish youth and have fun outside. The camp offers nine one-week sessions each summer and provides swim lessons, arts & crafts, music, Judaics, nature exploration, sports, free swim, Shabbat celebrations, and weekly special events or all-camp field trips.

At Camp Raanana, campers entering grades K–2 enjoy the benefits of experienced and nurturing counselors and enriching activity sessions, including Red Cross swim lessons. Campers entering grades 3–5 participate in Camp Raanana's swim lessons and other activity offerings, and also choose an enriching weekly specialty such as Boating, Digital Photography, Martial Arts, Lego Mania, Yoga, Drama, Drumming, Clay Creations, World of Sports, Edible Art, Dance, Magic, Jazzy Jewelry, and Silly Science. Campers entering grades 6–8 participate in Camp Raanana's Pioneer Adventure Program, featuring exciting field trips and fun mitzvah projects each week. Camp Raanana also offers a CIT program for entering 9th and 10th graders.

JEWISH CULTURAL ARTS AND EDUCATION

Self-expression is at the heart of Jewish life and values. Arts and culture play a unique role in conveying Jewish values and traditions from generation to generation and the benefits and impact of arts and culture on our community are immeasurable. The JCC's wide variety of offerings, including film, music, adult education, lectures, and art, enrich not only the Jewish community but also the community-at-large. Programs include:

JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL

For over 20 years, the JCC has hosted a Jewish Book Festival in November. The Book Festival offers a unique opportunity to hear from many talented authors on a variety of subjects during weekday Lunch & Learn events, evening events, and on Sundays throughout the multi-day festival at the JCC. Events are free and open to the public.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Each April, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, in association with the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit and the Michigan Theater, brings the Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival to Ann Arbor.

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP

The Film Discussion Group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month and is led by Russell Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat. Discussions cover not only movie plots and characters but also the unique cinematic elements of film.

ART EXHIBITS

The JCC schedules a variety of art exhibits and programs throughout the year in the Amster Gallery. They may include individual exhibits by local artists, traveling exhibits and exhibits arranged by JCC staff such as the Senior Photography Exhibit that is scheduled for February and March. There is often programming planned in coordination with these exhibits such as: docent tours, talks by the artists and/or audio visual presentations.

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Set in 1893, *Shipwrecked!* is about a Detroit family of three–mom, dad, and 12 year old son–who carry cargo on the Great Lakes for their livelihood, and who set sail on Lake Huron through Shipweck Alley with a load of Christmas trees from the Upper Peninsula only to be battered by one of the fierce November storms that have over the years imperiled thousands of ships on the Great Lakes. Additional curriculum-aligned experiences and materials about our "inland seas" will be developed in collaboration with the Detroit Historical Society/Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Michigan Historical Center, Thunder bay National Marine Sanctuary, Michigan Geographic Alliance, and Michigan Council for History Education. *(Made possible in part with a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.)*
March 14 – 10am & 12:30pm
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March 16 – 10am & 12:30pm
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March 18 – 2pm

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March 22 – 10am & 1pm
March 23 – 10am & 1pm
March 24 – 11am

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The Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan meets in the University of Michigan Hillel in conjunction with the Hillel student Orthodox Minyan. Services are held weekly at sundown on Fridays during the school year and between 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the summer, depending on the week. Shabbat morning services are at 9:30 a.m. The Shabbat afternoon Mincha service is held a half-hour before sunset year round, followed by Seudah Shlishit and Maariv.

Daily morning services are held in conjunction with Chabad House at 7:30 a.m., Monday–Wednesday at Hillel, and Thursday and Friday, and Sunday (at 9 a.m.) at Chabad House.

A variety of formal and informal learning opportunities are offered during the school year, including Rabbi Glogower's Tuesday evening class: "Topics in Rabbinic Literature" and a short class between Shabbat Mincha and Maariv. The Minyan sponsors other activities throughout the year, including the annual Shavuot picnic a picnic in the fall and other holiday celebrations, such as Shabbatonim featuring special guests.

ANN ARBOR RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH

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Reconstructionism is the fastest-growing major branch of Judaism. It views Judaism as an evolving religious civilization that encompasses religious, intellectual and cultural life. It respects both traditions—giving them "a vote, not a veto"—and intellect, as how best to live as Jews in the twenty-first century is explored.

The Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah is an open, welcoming, innovative community that works to integrate Jewish religious tradition and culture with its member's needs as modern Jews. Since 1993, it has grown to over 60 families and offers all major holidays, Shabbat, and life-cycle events, a Beit Sefer (religious school) and a full schedule of community and cultural activities. The Havurah is a member of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

THE COMMUNITY

Informality and a strong sense of community are the essence of a Havurah. Events like a baby-naming or bar / bat mitzvah typically attract a majority of the entire membership. From evenings of song and dance to the annual Sukkot Retreat to monthly sessions in Jewish meditation, the AARH offers members numerous opportunities to regularly or occasionally plug in to a warm, hospitable community.

Many singles, mixed-religion couples and non-traditional families are long-term, active members of the AARH. All find a welcoming and comfortable community.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The AARH observes Shabbat on the fourth Friday evening of each month at 6:15 p.m. as well as the second Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Fourth Friday services feature a highly-musical Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by an informal potluck dinner. Second Saturdays are also highly musical and feature an extended discussion of the Torah parsha. All Shabbat services take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

In addition, the AARH offers a unique, 10 part series of services, known as the Learners' Service, usually on the first Saturday of each month (September - June; check the website for dates), at 10 a.m. Each month focuses on a different aspect of the Saturday morning service, exploring the hows and whys of everything from the postures we take to the individuals that contributed to the siddur, to the history behind the Torah service. This is a lively, engaging morning filled with lots of questions and spirited discussion. Learners' Services take place at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

High Holiday services for Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur day are musical, spiritual and highly participatory, led by long-time Havurah member and rabbinic student Aura Ahuvia. In keeping with the Havurah's belief that prayer should always be free and open to all, non-members are welcome to join the Havurah for High Holiday services; no tickets are required. Children's services and child care are also offered. High Holiday Services take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

Holidays and festivals are cause for great celebration: Simchat Torah, Chanukah and, especially, the annual Purim Party. There's also a community-wide second seder which might feature creative offerings from a *tikkun olam*-based wine sampling to a dramatic recap of the exodus.

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September 15, 12:15 pm
Zvi Gitelman, University of Michigan and 2011-2012 Frankel Institute
Uncertain Ethnicity: Construing Jewishness in Russia and Ukraine
202 S. Thayer Street, Room 2022

September 22, 12:15 pm
Sammy Smooha, University of Haifa and 2011-2012 Frankel Institute
Are Palestinian-Arab Citizens in the Jewish State a Ticking Time Bomb?
202 S. Thayer Street, Room 2022

October 11, 7 pm
Jill Vexler, Curator, "Pictures of the Resistance" photography exhibit
Photographer as Witness: Proof Enough?
913 S. University,
Hatcher Graduate Library

All events are free and open to the public. Visit www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/ or "like" us on Facebook for the latest news.

October 17-18, 8:45 am – 5:30 pm
Medieval Exegesis: An Interfaith Discourse
This conference examines the interpretation of scripture—the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, the Qur'an—in late-medieval Iberia as a vehicle for dialogue and conflict. Papers will be presented by approximately 20 experts from Europe, Israel, and the U.S. The conference is being funded by the European Research Council.
http://www.congresos.cchs.csic.es/exegesis/
Rackham Auditorium, 4th floor

October 19, 4 pm
Marina Rustow,
Johns Hopkins University
Ten Things You Didn't Know About the Cairo Geniza
202 South Thayer Street, Room 2022

October 25, 5:30 pm
Brian Porter-Szucs,
University of Michigan
Poles and Jews During WWII: Beyond Martyrology
913 S. University,
Hatcher Graduate Library

October 27, 12:15 pm
Melissa Klapper, Rowan University and 2011-2012 Frankel Institute
The Absence of Rights Discourse in American Jewish Women's Pre-World War II Social and Political Activism
202 S. Thayer Street, Room 2022

October 27, 7 pm
Daniel Boyarin, U-C Berkeley
Mark and the Torah: A New Perspective
TBD

November 3, 12:15 pm
Mia Bruch, Stanford University and 2011-2012 Frankel Institute
Defining Jews/Defining Politics
202 S. Thayer Street, Room 2022

November 3, 4 pm
Derek Penslar, University of Toronto
The Jewish World Wars, 1936-1948: Spain, Germany, Palestine
435 S. State Street, 1014 Tisch Hall

November 10-11, 8:45 am – 5:30 pm
Jewish Political Behavior in Europe, Israel and the United States
Symposium with **Samuel Abrams**, **David Engel**, **David Fishman**, **Zvi Gitelman, Rebecca Kobrin**, and **Sergei Lagodinsky**.
The Michigan League, 911 N. University

November 15, 4 pm
Tamar El Or, Hebrew University
The Land of the Bible as the Land of the Sandal
202 S. Thayer Street, Room 2022

December 1, 12:15 pm
Miriam Bodian, University of Texas-Austin and 2011-2012 Frankel Institute
Freedom of Conscience and the Jews of Early Modern Amsterdam
202 S. Thayer Street, Room 2022

December 8, 12:15 pm **Ken Wald**, University of Wisconsin and 2011-2012 Frankel Institute
The Choosing People: Understanding American Jewish Political Behavior
202 S. Thayer Street, Room 2022

BEIT SEFER (RELIGIOUS SCHOOL)

The Beit Sefer is an innovative, warm, and meaningful educational experience for K-7th graders that welcomes the children of AARH members and non-members alike.

Combining experience and exuberance, the staff works to help each student find his or her own path to a Jewish identity that includes a grounding in both Jewish religion and civilization. Class topics include: Jewish Living Skills, Prayer and Spirituality, Peoplehood, Israel and Hebrew. Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), is an important part of the curriculum. The Beit Sefer uses a hands-on approach that includes music sessions, crafts, storytelling, plays and Tzedakah (service learning) projects, leading up to bar or bat mitzvah.

The Beit Sefer meets on Sunday mornings during the school year at the Jewish Community Center, Active involvement of parents is encouraged.

New this year is a post-bar/bat mitzvah program, Hineini, for students in, and especially beyond, their bar /bat mitzvah year. It meets on Sunday afternoons, and is designed to continue students' education by encouraging asking the most challenging questions, wrestling with answers, and developing communal leadership skills.

Visit the AARH website, www.aarecon.org, to find out more about Reconstructionism and the Havurah. Unless otherwise noted, non-members and interfaith couples are welcome at all services and activities on the website calendar.

BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION CONSERVATIVE)

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Established in 1916, Beth Israel has been a vital presence in the spiritual, social and educational lives of its members for 95 years. The congregation, a member of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, is a welcoming and warm community, which fosters a connectedness to our rich tradition, embraces innovative and creative programming, and provides an important support system for its members in times of celebration and in times of need. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, who is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, has served the congregation with distinction for over 20 years. Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, also a JTS graduate, has served as the congregation's first assistant rabbi since 2008.

Beth Israel offers religious services that are traditional in form, egalitarian in nature, and participatory in practice. The services feature a wonderful sense of fellowship and community. Congregants take leading roles in the conducting of all services.

Kabbalat Shabbat services are held throughout the year on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. with frequent late services and programs. Shabbat and holiday morning services begin at 9:30 a.m. In addition to the regular weekly services, there are many special celebrations: a pancake breakfast for Simchat Torah, a winter Sweatshirt Shabbat followed by a cholent kiddush, a Fall Pet Shabbat for Pets and Their Human Friends, and a summer time Friday evening "Barbecue and Barchu." These and others are all events which further enhance the unique feeling of community at Beth Israel.

Beth Israel offers many Shabbat morning activities for children. Moadon (an informal gathering place), Kehillat Shabbat (an enhanced Shabbat service for upper elementary students), Tot Shabbat for parents and pre-schoolers, and Mini Minyan for grades K–2, are offered on a set schedule. The High Holidays include alternative family programs and services appropriate for different ages of children. The festive Megilla Reading and celebration of Purim, in which both adults as well as children dress in costume, is one of the highlights of the year. Each year Beth Israel plans and hosts the very moving community wide Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day) Ceremony.

An egalitarian daily minyan, led by congregants is held Sunday–Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (5 p.m. on winter Sundays.)

Recognizing the critical importance of Jewish learning for all ages, adult education classes are held throughout the year. These feature traditional text and Judaic study classes, Adult Hebrew—both conversational and biblical Hebrew classes—for all levels of experience, lunch and learn discussions, and a nine session "Introduction to Judaism" series on Sunday mornings. The Shabbat Limmud program offers discussions on the Torah portion of the week before services on Shabbat mornings. The one evening "High Holiday University" presents an in-depth look at the holiest days on the calendar. The Alfred and Alice Rosenberg Adult Scholar in Residence Fund brings in noted scholars from around the world every other year. This year's scholar will be Hazzan Henry Rosenblum who will

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Social and recreational activities which allow people to get to know each other better and programs emphasizing tikkun olam are an important part of congregational life. Annual events such as the Family Fun Fair, Quiz Night, and the themed Purim Celebration, delight the young and the old alike. Beth Israel hosts the homeless during Christmas and New Years Day through the Rotating Overflow Shelter program, provides volunteers to the Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House for homeless families, runs a blood drive in March, and maintains a garden which supplies fresh vegetables to hunger programs. The Beth Israel Mitzvah Connection organizes volunteers for phone calls and visits to the frail elderly, as well as meals, rides, and errands to congregants who need them. The Chevra Nehama assists people who are recently bereaved. Activities for children and youth in 3rd–12th grades provide opportunities to socialize and have a good time in a Jewish framework.

Beth Israel maintains its own comprehensive website, Facebook fan page, and an e-mail list for weekly announcements. Non-members are invited to participate in all of its activities. New residents of Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur may request free tickets to the High Holiday services. People aged 35 and under may join the congregation in their first year for a dues of $300 (plus United Synagogue dues of $34.75).

BETH ISRAEL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

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The Program Department provides high quality, experiential and informal Jewish learning opportunities for youth, adults, and families. Programming embraces the full spectrum of Jewish life: cultural, educational, social, religious, and spiritual. Events are meant to reinforce and complement Jewish experiences in the home and beyond. To best achieve these objectives, weekly, monthly, and annual events are offered. All events are open to the community.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

THE BETH ISRAEL GARDEN

Each summer Beth Israel members maintain a community garden at County Farm Park where they grow flowers and vegetables. Over half of the produce grown is donated to Food Gatherers through the "Faith and Food" program to help others in the community. The rest is used at Beth Israel for Kiddush luncheons and synagogue dinners.

SUMMER SHABBAT CELEBRATIONS

During the summer months, Beth Israel offers a variety of outdoor Shabbat programs such as Barbecue and Barchu on the Friday of July 4th weekend, Shabbat in the Park potluck dinner and Shabbat services at County Farm Park, and Pet Shabbat where dozens of dogs come with their families to an outdoor Shabbat celebration.

THE BETH ISRAEL FUN FAIR

In September, the Beth Israel Fun Fair is the annual farewell to summer. During the fair there are great activities for all ages including a bounce house, face painting, grilled hot dogs and veggie dogs, snow cones, bocce ball, kick ball, relay races and more.

QUIZ NIGHT

A highlight of the programming year is the annual multi-media Beth Israel Quiz Night. Adults of all ages compete as teams to answer trivia questions, audio and video clues, and other puzzles in a fun filled, social evening. The Quiz Night takes place in January.

SPECIAL SHABBAT AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

SHABBAT, HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL MEALS

Beth Israel hosts a number of Shabbat and holiday meals as a means of getting to know other members of the synagogue community and enhance one's celebration of Shabbat and holidays.

Friday Night Lights is a new series of family-friendly dairy dinners with a warm Shabbat celebration. Younger children can enjoy listening to stories while older kids will help to lead the Kabbalat Shabbat service.

An "International Shul of Pancakes Breakfast" is offered between the Shaharit Service and the Torah processionals on Simchat Torah. "Sweatshirt Shabbat" encourages everyone to wear a sweatshirt to a winter Shabbat morning service, followed by kiddush with a selection of cholents with recipes from the around the world. Each year in December the "Annual Beth Israel Chinese Dinner at House of Israel Kaifeng" is held in the social hall.

High Holy Day Programs for Children and Teens: Age-appropriate services and educational programs are offered for almost every level at Beth Israel, from preschoolers through 8th grade. High Holiday celebrations begin with a High Holiday Family Celebration, an erev Rosh Hashanah happening that is an ideal way for families with pre-school and early elementary school-age children to learn about and celebrate the High Holidays in a family-friendly manner.

On the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur two hour programs for different age groups are held. At these programs, children celebrate the holidays in ways ranging from stories and games for the youngest kids to offering older kids opportunities for serious discussion and service-leading. On the second morning of Rosh Hashanah, a Rosh Hashanah Family Program is held: an informal, participatory service celebrating Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world.

EVENING PROGRAMS FOR TOTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Beth Israel offers a comprehensive program for families with young children. Dinners such as the Tot Friday Night Dinner, Tot Sukkot dinner, and Tot Hanukkah Party include activities such as songs, crafts, and informal educational fun. These are a great way for the youngest members to celebrate the holidays at Beth Israel along with their families.

PURIM CELEBRATION

The entire congregation gets into the act by dressing up in costumes (adults as well as children) and participating in a themed Purim Megilla Reading. Past events include A Harry Potter Purim, A Star Wars Purim, The Pirates of Purim, A Star Trek to Purim, and the Reb Sullivan Show with the Whole Megilla, featuring The Bagels. Each year brings a new theme to the Purim celebration, designed to delight everyone in attendance.

INTERFAITH PROGRAMS

Beth Israel is an active member of the interfaith community. Participation in community interfaith events is encouraged and often interfaith educational gatherings are hosted at the synagogue.

SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

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YOUTH GROUPS

Beth Israel youth groups offer the opportunity for the children in the community to make friends in fun, informal Jewish settings, fostering a more comfortable, familiar feeling toward synagogue life and their Jewish identity. Chalutzim is the youth group for 3rd-5th grade students, and the middle school youth group is called Kadima. At Kadima events kids enjoy local attractions, trips to indoor water parks, and an overnight lock-in at the shul.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Please see the listing under Beth Israel Religious School for the various opportunities for High School Students.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Beth Israel Religious School's mission is to develop and strengthen the Jewish identity of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade by building their knowledge, skills, and commitment to lead full Jewish lives.

The comprehensive curriculum includes study of Torah, holidays, Jewish lifecycle, Israel, Jewish history and contemporary Jewish life, tefillah (prayer), mitzvot (commandments), ethics, values, Hebrew reading, and Hebrew conversation. Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam projects, family programs, and field trips are all included in the students' educational experience and emphasize the importance of being part of the synagogue and wider Jewish community. The Bar and Bat Mitzvah and Madrichim (leadership) programs provide opportunities for students to continue their Jewish education through high school.

New for this coming year, the education department is offering a monthly preschool-aged program during regular Sunday morning Religious School hours. Open to three- and four-year-old children, this new program uses cutting-edge early childhood pedagogy to bring the cycle of the Jewish year alive for the youngest students.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

On each of five Friday nights a family oriented Shabbat evening service is offered at 6 p.m., followed by a dairy dinner at 7 p.m. The Friday Night Lights programs will be held: October 21 (which will include the K-1 Torah Consecration Ceremony), November 18, January 20, March 2, and May 4. RSVPs and payment are required before each of the programs.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Grades K–1 meet Sunday mornings. Grade 2 meets on Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. Grades 3–5 meet on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday.

BIRS students are introduced to Jewish learning through a program rich in Jewish experiences. Music, games, stories, age appropriate prayer, and crafts are all part of the weekly classroom routines. In the elementary grades, students build their knowledge of Hebrew reading, writing and siddur (prayer book) skills each year. The study of conversational Hebrew helps students develop fluid reading skills and appreciate Hebrew as a living language that connects them to the worldwide Jewish community. High school madrichim work in the classrooms and tutor to the elementary students.

Throughout their elementary years, students develop skills and knowledge of text, ethics and values, and Jewish practice. Holidays provide times to celebrate with

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family or school wide programs. Planned for this year are a Torah celebration, Purim celebration, Tu B'shvat seder, model seders, Israel Maccabiah, and more.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades 6 and 7 meet on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and have other programming on selected Shabbat mornings throughout the year. Grade 8 meets on Sunday mornings.

The middle school program addresses the many issues important to students at this time in their lives. The goals for the religious school during the middle school years are to increase learning in both subject areas and skills, while engaging students in quality discussions and activities as they explore their own Jewish identities. Reviewing Jewish lifecycle events, exploring the concepts of mitzvot, contemplating Jewish ethics and values, looking at Talmud and other traditional Jewish texts, learning the history of the Jewish people, thinking about what it means to be a Jew in today's world, coming together as a community each week for tefillot, and engaging in a formal study of conversational Hebrew are all components of the program. Sunday morning programming includes an electives period: each semester 6th and 7th graders choose an elective offered by one of the teaching or rabbinic staff. These electives are academic, but supplemental to the core Judaics curriculum.

Sixth graders attend an exciting Shabbaton at the beginning of the year. A series of Shabbat morning sessions, as well as a series of family programs called the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Family Series engage students, as well as their parents in meaningful learning which facilitates the preparation of students for Bar and Bat Mitzvah individual tutoring.

BIRS works cooperatively with the community to offer conversational Hebrew at an immersion level in the middle school. These classes are designed for students who have attended Hebrew Day School in the past, as well as students who have an extensive Hebrew background from other learning experiences. Students whose families are not Beth Israel members are welcome to attend these classes, and encouraged to call for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The madrichim program for 2011–2012 will consist of two tracks. Students involved in track one will have the opportunity to serve as educational assistants, developing their skills as classroom assistants and tutors. Participants in track two will engage in community service initiatives, including monthly work days at Alpha House. All madrichim will have opportunities for learn and socializing within the framework of the program. This year's education topic is "Forbidden Torah."

In addition to the madrichim program, there are many opportunities for high school students at BIC, beginning with the annual kick-off dinner on August 31. There are also programs specifically for high school students offered in conjunction with the High Holiday services. After the success of last spring's delegation to Baltimore, Beth Israel will again offer an opportunity for teens to participate in a service learning delegation during the April school break. They are also encouraged to attend a summer teen program to Israel and may apply for a Ladin Israel Teen Trip Scholarship to help with the expenses. In addition, high school students are encouraged to take advantage of the Hebrew classes offered through Keshet Ann Arbor.

ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Israel offers a variety of programs to interest learners of all ages. Beth Israel hosts the community-wide Adult Hebrew program, with classes in both conversational and Biblical Hebrew taught at several different levels. Many other classes and lectures are offered throughout the year, including a weekly Wednesday Lunch and Learn sessions, text study classes on the weekly Torah portion and other topics, special holiday study sessions, a Mussar Group, an evening High Holiday University on the High Holy Days, a Tikkun Leil Shavuot Study program, and educational programs facilitated by Rabbi Dobrusin and Rabbi Blumenthal.

The year's highlight will be visiting scholar *hazzan* (Cantor) Henry Rosenblum, *hazzan* of the Forest Hills Jewish Center. Formerly he served as the dean of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School and College of Jewish Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary, becoming the first *hazzan* to hold that position. A renowned scholar of liturgical music, he will speak on March 23–24 about "Synagogue Music as We Know It: How It All Began, "Masoretic Midrash: Were They Trying to Tell us Something Hidden in the Texts" and "Shlomo Carlebach: The Man and his Music." He is the 2012 Alfred and Alice Rosenberg Scholar in Residence. Beth Israel classes are open to all, regardless of synagogue affiliation.

A 9-session course entitled Introduction to Judaism will be offered on Sunday mornings from 9:30–10:45 a.m., beginning September 25. Taught by Rabbi Robert Dobrusin and Rabbi Kim Blumenthal, it will cover many topics including the holidays, prayer, history and home rituals. It is designed for those who are curious about Judaism, are beginning the process of conversion to Judaism and those who wish to re-familiarize themselves with the foundation of Jewish belief and practice.

New this year, Beth Israel Congregation will present a 12-session multimedia series entitled: "Engaging Israel" beginning on Tuesday evening October 18 at 8 p.m., developed by the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. The goal of the project, according to the Hartman Institute is to "respond to growing feelings of disenchantment and disinterest toward Israel… by creating a new narrative regarding the significance of Israel for Jewish life. This narrative will serve as a foundation for a new covenant between Israel and world Jewry, elevating the existing discourse from one with a crisis-based focus to one rooted in Jewish values and ideas." There is a charge for this course.

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Chabad-Lubavitch is a Chassidic movement within Judaism that focuses on the individual's relationship to God and fosters a deep sense of devotion and responsibility toward one's fellow men and women. It is characterized by its emphasis on education and its commitment to lend help wherever it is needed.

The name Chabad is a Hebrew acronym for the three intellectual faculties of: *Chachmah* (wisdom), *Binah* (comprehension) and *Da'at* (knowledge). The Chabad philosophy encourages individuals to understand and recognize the importance and unique mission of each creature, and to refine and govern their every act and feeling through wisdom, comprehension and knowledge.

Chabad House and its Congregation Beth Chabad serve as a "home away from home" for Jewish students, as well as a synagogue and gathering place for families in the Washtenaw County area. Under the guidance of Rabbi Aharon and Esther Goldstein, Congregation Beth Chabad reaches out to all Jews regardless of age, affiliation or level of observance. Located on the University of Michigan campus, Congregation Beth Chabad is dedicated to increasing the understanding and knowledge of Judaism and to actively serving and improving the community.

Jewish education is a high priority at Congregation Chabad, where a wide variety of classes are available on a nearly daily basis. Courses include: Insights into the Torah Portion, Jewish Mysticism (Tanya), Hebrew Language, History and Approaches to Jewish Prayer, Talmud study group, Jewish Law and general topics in Judaism. Everyone is welcome regardless of one's previous background, affiliation and level of knowledge. Classes are free of charge and open to the public. Private classes are also available.

Services are conducted year-round in conformance with traditional Jewish law and practice. Hebrew prayer books are available with English or Russian translations. Shabbat evening services begin 15 minutes before sundown Fridays during the school year and at 7 p.m. during the summer. Shabbat morning services begin at 9:45 a.m. Shabbat afternoon

and evening services 40 minutes before sundown year-round. Daily services are held in conjunction with the Hillel Orthodox Minyan, starting at 7:30 a.m. during the week and at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday, Thursday and Friday morning services take place at Chabad House; Monday through Wednesday services are held at Hillel.

Chabad plays an active role in the local Jewish community. Holiday highlights include shofar making at the JCC's Apples and Honey event, Chanukah adult and children's programs, distribution of shalach manot (gift baskets) for Purim and a Passover matzah bakery.

Chabad provides a place where life-cycle events can be commemorated and celebrated. Jewish services offered throughout the year include rabbinical advice; information and help on koshering home kitchens; provision of religious articles at cost; renting furnished rooms for students and visitors; providing Shabbat and holiday hospitality; meals; counseling;

lectures and classes. Judaic and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring for children and adults is offered.

Chabad House facilities are available to all Jews in the community for the pursuit of Jewish knowledge and for contact with other Jews. Its hospitality and home-like atmosphere are appreciated by students and by visitors to the area. A Rosh Chodesh group for women only is provided and a mikvah is located on the premises. (See Women's Organizations.) Congregation Beth Chabad also offers a wide array of other services and programs, including adult education and a Judaic Library/CD ROM library. (See Jewish Education.) Chabad House is also a center for Jewish students at the University of Michigan. (See Campus Organizations.) For children, Chabad offers Torah Enrichment Program and a winter and summer day camp, and Camp Gan Israel. (See Youth Activities.)

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The Jewish Cultural Society is a secular humanistic organization, promoting Jewish ethics, values, history, and culture. It provides a community for those whose Jewish identification is primarily with culture, history, and family. Founded in 1965, the Jewish Cultural Society stresses the cultural aspects of Jewish traditions, Jewish history as a source of ethics and strength, and the values of humanism and social justice found in both modern and historical Judaism.

The community offers enriching adult educational and social programs, Jewish holiday celebrations, life cycle events, social action opportunities, an engaging Sunday school, and a B'nai Mitzvah program. The JCS also runs several community-wide events including Tu b'Shevat at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, a family Chanukah celebration and bazaar, and a festive Sukkot program.

The JCS takes pride in the fact that the membership is diverse. All individuals and families—young and elderly, traditional and nontraditional, Jewish or intercultural—who wish to express their Jewishness from a secular humanistic perspective, are welcome. Nearly half of the member families are intercultural or interfaith. The JCS celebrates all Jewish holidays (including monthly Shabbat/Havdalah, High Holidays, Chanukah, and Pesach) and life-cycle celebrations through a secular humanistic lens. Jewish tradition is interpreted by focusing on the relationships between people and community efforts to improve the world.

The Jewish Cultural Society is based at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and is affiliated with the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, the Michigan Coalition of Secular and Humanistic Jews, and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Secular humanistic Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur observances,

primarily in English, are offered every fall at the Jewish Community Center. The messages of the High Holiday observances are reflection, responsibility, and forgiveness. The observances are a rededication to communal and individual actions that improve the community and the world. Songs are sung in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English and are led by the Jewish Cultural Society choir. The Jewish Cultural Society observes Tashlich along the banks of the Huron River. Tashlich begins with a potluck lunch that is followed by an observance and discussion. The Jewish Cultural Society community also comes together for a "Break-the-Fast" potluck after Yom Kippur. All observances are free to members and open to the public for a small charge.

Other holiday celebrations are coordinated by Sunday school parents, and include a Sukkot Harvest Celebration, a Chanukah party, and a Purim carnival. A wonderful annual Jewish Cultural Society event is the Tu b'Shevat celebration of the trees at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in the midst of Michigan's winter, which emphasizes the theme of personal responsibility for the environment. Incorporated in the Tu B'Shevat celebration is a walking seder with fruits and seeds of the Middle East; a scavenger hunt through the Botanical gardens; crafts; music and story-telling; workshops on sustainability, environmental protection, and recycling by local environmental and business professionals; and a community action area where local conservation and environmental groups staff stalls with literature and goods.

The Jewish Cultural Society holds a popular community-wide vegetarian potluck Second Night Seder each Passover, using a contemporary haggadah that was developed by members. The seder includes songs and poetry, and offers a spotlight for JCS students to participate in the readings. The seder emphasizes the continuing need to work for freedom throughout the world.

SHABBAT OBSERVANCES

The recognition of Shabbat as a time to step away from one's daily life and focus on family is an important part of Secular Humanistic Jewish practice. The Jewish Cultural Society community meets for Shabbat on the first Friday of each month, and these Shabbat celebrations are open to the whole community. Shabbat is celebrated through secular Jewish readings; singing; candle lighting, challah, and wine rituals; and a Yahrtzeit observance to remember loved ones. Following the Shabbat observance, the community shares a catered dinner from a local Ann Arbor restaurant. Following dinner educational or social programs are offered. The after-dinner program may be celebrating a life-cycle event with a family or JCS class; student b'nai mitzvah presentations; discussing a topic of interest; playing Jewish Jeopardy for Jewish Literacy month; or participating in a community service activity. The First Friday Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC and participants of all ages are welcome.

Tot Shabbat is run concurrently with the First Friday Shabbat Observance. Tot Shabbat is a wonderful way to welcome in the weekend with other families of early elementary age and younger children. The Jewish Cultural Society's interactive Tot Shabbat begins with a short and upbeat celebration geared to young kids, with lots of singing and dancing. Following Tot Shabbat, the youngster join their parents for dinner before making holiday-themed crafts, reading stories, and singing songs with the Tzofim who help run the Tot Shabbat program. Tot Shabbat is celebrated at the JCC.

A bi-monthly celebration of Havdalah distinguishes between the quietness and introspection of Shabbat and the activity of the rest of the week. Celebrated at members' homes, the community begins Havdalah with a modern, secular humanistic observance. Following the Havdalah observance, JCS families welcome the new week with a potluck dinner. Children are welcome and participate in the celebration of Havdalah.

LIFE CYCLE OBSERVANCES

Life cycle observances, a central part of the Jewish Cultural Society, include baby namings, bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, weddings, funerals, memorials and unveilings. Julie Gales, the JCS' *madrikha* develops these ceremonies by collaborating with families celebrating or observing life cycle events resulting in a highly personalized and meaningful experience. Gales also presides over the events. The Jewish Cultural Society's Memorial Garden is at Arborcrest Cemetery in northeast Ann Arbor.

Second grade students have a special Shabbat ceremony dedicated to affirming their Jewish names. This annual community-wide life cycle event provides the 2nd grade class with the opportunity to learn about the people for whom they are named and, in the case of some students, to choose a Hebrew name for themselves.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

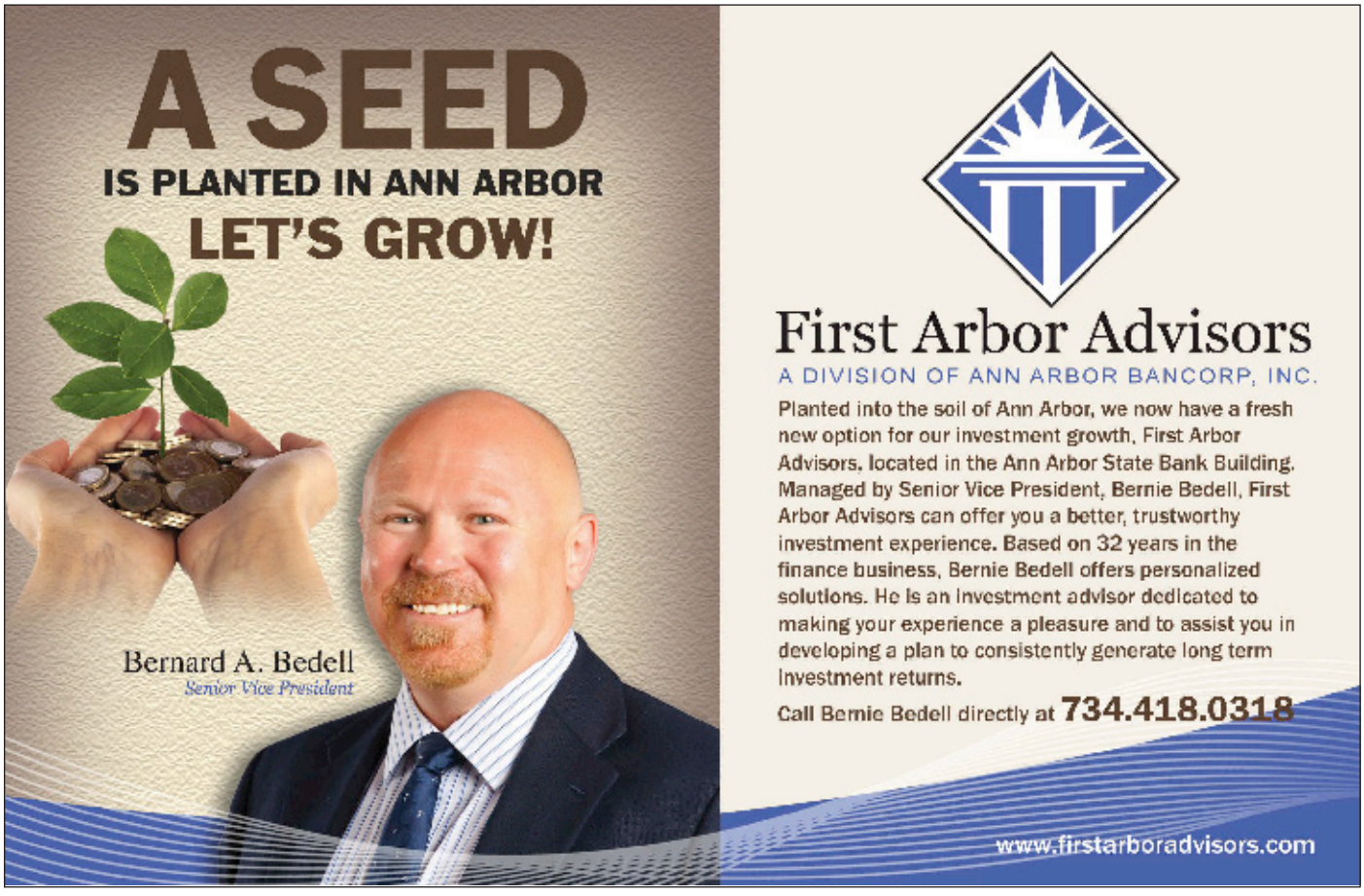
The Jewish Cultural Society holds Sunday school for young people throughout the school year (see description below).

Jewish learning continues after bar or bat mitzvah with an eighth-grade Sunday school class and the Teen Community Leadership Program (TCLP) for high school students. The eighth grade class curriculum focuses on Jewish ethics and social action projects. The eighth graders also plan monthly social activities that contribute to group cohesion and strong friendships. High school students participate in the TCLP which includes leadership development, student led social action projects, and group activities. The TCLP also provides an opportunity for students to work as aides in the classroom and at community-wide events. The post bar/bat mitzvah age youth also attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations' conference that takes place each Memorial Day weekend in different locations across North America..

The community offers Sunday morning adult education programs twice a month throughout the school year. A lecture series on Jewish History/World Events has addressed African Jews, Prejudice against and by the Jews, American governmental and corporate actions during the Holocaust, the situation in Gaza, and other probing topics. Sunday Schmoozes provide an opportunity for all members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community to meet local scholars and community leaders for an informal discussion of Jewish topics and politics. Recent topics have emphasized Secular Humanistic Judaism; environmental sustainability, improving family life; social action/social justice issues; Jewish cooking; the roots of Chanukah, and historic, political, or current events.

The adult b'nai mitzvah class meets bi-weekly. Participants, in collaboration with the leader, plan the curriculum content and pace. The adult mitzvah ceremony culminates the approximately two-year program.

A Mid-winter Forum hosts scholars of local, national, or international prominence to address a pressing issue of the day, an advance in understanding Jewish history, or a means to enrich the celebration of secular Jewish life. Recent Mid-winter Forum speakers include Dr. Adolfo Roitman, curator of the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem and Dead Sea Scroll Scholar, and Rabbi Sherwin Wine, founder of Humanistic Judaism. The upcoming



Mid-winter forum will address issues of intermarriage.

SOCIAL ACTION

Social action is at the heart of Secular Humanistic Judaism. A firm belief that Jews are responsible and accountable for one's own history, actions, and future motivates JCS members to view *Tikkun Olam*, (repairing the world,) as a very high priority.

The Social Action Committee (SAC) of JCS is active in ***Tikkun Olam*** by keeping members up to date about current issues of interest, including the Middle East conflict. This summer, the SAC offered JCS teens the opportunity to design a project to help bring down barriers between Washtenaw County Jews and Palestinians. In the fall of 2011, educational events are planned to discuss approaches to peace in the Middle East. JCS members are encouraged to speak freely about all social issues, no matter how controversial. The JCS community believes that respectful, open dialogue with each other is the best way to solve problems.

JCS students participate in tzedakah at Sunday school. Each class identifies a social action project of interest, and they raise tzedakah money to donate. Community service is also a major part of the bar/bat mitzvah program described below. Last year, JCS teens and parents dedicated a Sunday morning to help clean up Island Park on the Huron River.

Anyone interested in social action should contact Kris Freeark, the JCS Social Action Committee chair, to learn more about current social action projects at the community email address, jcs@jccfed.org.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

In addition to the social action activities and adult education lectures and forums, the Jewish Cultural Society holds regular social activities for adult members. Pourin' for Purim is the community's annual wine and cheese event. Lager for Lag b'Omer is the annual fundraiser.

The Jewish Cultural Society's monthly Rosh Hodesh gatherings celebrate the new Jewish month through a short celebration, discussions, and socializing amongst the community's women. Some of the Rosh Hodesh activities include the annual Apple Cake Bake for the high holidays, sharing books for Jewish Book Month, Rejuvenating Our Spirits at Chanukah, tying baby blankets to help the Corner Health Clinic in Ypsilanti, and celebrating Passover with a women's seder.

The Jewish Cultural Society's Third Friday Chavurah for the community's older members takes the form of a monthly potluck held in rotation at the homes of its members. Meeting regularly since the 1980s, the group has spawned close friendships and lively conversations.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Jewish Cultural Society holds Sunday school for young people throughout the school year. Students who become bar or bat mitzvah and complete their 8th grade year, return as members of the Teen Community Leadership Program and are paid for their work as aides in the classroom, at community-wide events, and assisting in the JCS of ce. The TCLP members, as well as other junior and senior high school age students plan social action events together, organize social action projects, and staff the Jewish Cultural Society booth at Apples and Honey, the Ann Arbor Jewish community event welcoming the fall holiday season. Additionally, TCLP members run the crafts and games at the Jewish Cultural Society's Chanukah Party, Purim Carnival, and celebrate Tot Shabbat with preschool and young elementary age students on the first Friday of each month. Youth who are bar/bat mitzvah age or older are encouraged to attend the annual Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations conference, which takes place each Memorial Day.

JEWISH CULTURAL SCHOOL

The Jewish Cultural School is the Sunday school program of the Jewish Cultural Society. Its mission is to ensure that each student is exposed to the full range of diversity and variety in Jewish culture and history. The school runs from September to May and provides preschool through eighth-grade classes.

The Sunday school program provides young people with opportunities to learn about Jewish life from historical, cultural, and ethical perspectives. Jewish holidays are discussed with emphasis on their relevance today. The children also study Jewish life in biblical times and the Middle Ages; Jewish culture in Europe, the Middle East and America; anti-Semitism

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and the Holocaust; and Secular Humanistic Jewish philosophers. The sixth grade students takes a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills. Hands-on activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, music, dance and drama are integrated into the curriculum at every level. Although everything is taught in English, students are introduced to basic key words in Hebrew and Yiddish. The curriculum continually evolves with the help of student, parent, and teacher input.

Parent involvement in the Jewish Cultural School is welcome and encouraged. Parents may teach, help in their child's classroom, or help in the planning and running of holiday celebrations.

B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAM

The Jewish Cultural School B'nai Mitzvah program offers a truly unique and meaningful way to transition children into Jewish communal life. This program begins in sixth grade and is a two-year process that includes independent research on Jewish topics of interest chosen by the students. Participants distill the information into short oral presentations given at the First Friday Shabbat observance or other gatherings of the families of the b'nai mitzvah class. The topics have covered everything from Masada to shtetl life in Russia to Marc Chagall to Black/Jewish relations in the Civil Rights Movement. The students also research their own families' stories, and work on a Jewish identity Project that helps them to solidify their own ideas about what it means to be Jewish. In keeping with the Secular Humanistic Jewish emphasis on social action, there is a 30-hour community service commitment to a project chosen by the student. Students have worked for Meals on Wheels, Food Gatherers, Lurie Terrace, Therapeutic Riding Stables and many other local organizations.

This effort culminates in a bar or bat mitzvah celebration, usually during the seventh grade. Each ceremony is a unique collaboration written by the students and their parents with help from the Julie Gales, the JCS' madrikha, who preside over the events. Students usually present their research topic at their mitzvah event. In addition, since the Jewish Cultural Society's focus is on Jewish history and culture, each student who celebrates their bar or bat mitzvah in the community incorporates a cultural presentation (whether musical, literary, humorous, or artistic) into their mitzvah event. The mitzvah celebrations are held at the Jewish Community Center or another location of the bar/bat mitzvah family's choice.

After bar or bat mitzvah, students are encouraged to continue in the eighth grade, join the Teen Community Leadership Program, and become Sunday school tzofim (classroom aides), providing a vehicle for them to maintain active in the Jewish Cultural Society.

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Pardes Hannah, Ann Arbor's Jewish Renewal Community, provides an intimate setting to enter deeply into prayer through chanting, kabbalistic meditation, movement, traditional davening, and openhearted engagement with Torah. Pardes Hannah offers Shabbat morning and Kabbalat Shabbat services, Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services and a variety of spiritual and educational study sessions and celebrations throughout the cycle of the Jewish year.

Pardes Hannah meets the 2nd Shabbat of the month for Shabbat morning services held at Beth Israel Annex, 2010 Washtenaw Avenue and then during the month alternate (usually on the 4th Shabbat) with a Shabbat morning learners minyan (held at Beth Israel Annex), the third meal—*"seudat shilshit"*—singing table melodies and learnings from Jewish mystical texts, or Kabblat Shabbat services (held at people's homes). Check the website for dates, location and more information.

Services are led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg, founder and spiritual leader of Pardes Hannah, and other skilled leaders in the group. In the tradition of Jewish Renewal communities (see www.aleph.org), Pardes Hannah is committed to strengthening the three pillars of Jewish life—prayer, study, and action. The goals of Jewish Renewal are to empower individuals to respond to the call of Torah and to provide the resources that assist individuals and communities in the search for a meaningful, Jewish spiritual practice. Jewish Renewal draws on the well- springs of Jewish tradition, on sacred texts, mystical practices, historical currents, artistic expression, and individuals' own inner truths.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Temple Beth Emeth is a Reform Congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, committed to enhancing religious life in Ann Arbor through religious, spiritual, cultural, educational, social action and social programming. The congregation strives to create a sense of family, a "caring community," for all its members–a place in which its members can celebrate their joys or share difficult moments surrounded by people who care.

Every year is a year of Torah for the Jewish people. This coming year at TBE will be an extraordinary Year of Torah for the con-

gregation, as it embarks on a program of restoration for the Sifrei Torah, the four Torah Scrolls. The process begins at the physical level, by bringing the actual words of Torah to the quality that tradition requires. Yet this is just the starting point for a year specifically dedicated to the touch, feel, emotions and intellectual qualities of he congregation's most sacred procession. The year will begin with a pre-High Holy Day Shabbaton with Rabbi Shefa Gold on August 27–28, and a kickoff event for the Year of Torah on Saturday, October 23.

Prayer is the heart of the congregation. Providing a spectrum of Shabbat services is one of the ways TBE meets the needs of a diverse congregation. Each Shabbat TBE celebrates with a variety of services that reflect the various needs and spiritual journeys of our members. Every Friday evening Shabbat begins with Tot Shabbat at 5:30 pm. Following the 6 p.m. tot dinner, Sukkat Shalom, a service geared toward children from kindergarten through lower elementary grades, begins at 6:30 p.m., and at 7:30 p.m. there is a service using the Reform prayer book, Mishkan Tefilah. Parents and children are invited to join Tot Shabbat families for dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Sukkat Shalom or shira (songs) in the chapel. Both the Tot and Sukkat Shalom Services conclude with a popsicle oneg Shabbat at 7 p.m.

Shabbat morning begins with a Torah study led by Rabbi Levy or Rabbi Delson at 8:50 a.m. TBE clergy lead Shabbat morning services in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on weeks when there is a bar or bat mitzvah, or in the chapel other mornings.

There are many opportunities for special Shabbat celebrations throughout the year such as Social Action Shabbat, Sisterhood and Brotherhood Shabbat, New Member Shabbat, with a celebration of members at their double chai (36th) membership year anniversary, and this year a rededication of the repaired Torah scrolls in the spring, on Friday, May 18. A detailed schedule of services is posted on the TBE website: www.templebethemeth.org.

Holidays provide the perfect venue for festive events. TBE has a family Sukkot picnic with sukkah decorating. Simchat Torah combines two events, an early celebration with singing and dance, and a later adult Torah study. The Family Chanukah Service and the Brotherhood Latke Dinner have become TBE traditions, with families bringing their menorahs to light during the service. The Second Night Seder celebrates Passover in the spirit of community. A meaningful Yom HaShoah/Holocaust Memorial Service is written and led by the Generations After group, children of survivors.

ADULT CHOIR

Jewish music plays an important role at TBE under the direction of Cantor Annie Rose. The Adult Choir, Kol Halev, sings during High Holy Day services, on a monthly basis at Friday night services and at concerts and in nursing homes throughout the year. Veterans of two international concert tours and several concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony, Kol Halev members also present concerts throughout Michigan, including an annual concert with the adult choir of St Clare's Episcopal Church.

YOUTH, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ENSEMBLES

The Youth Choir, with members in grades 3-5, performs in services and concerts at the temple and in the community. The annual Main Street Sing is a highlight for singers and families.

Middle School Shir Chadash and High School Shir Chadash, the student choral and instrumental ensembles, perform in services and concerts and periodically hold "Cafe" evenings of music in an informal cafe atmosphere. High School Shir Chadash travels each year to other communities to lead services and give concerts.

A late-winter concert by all four ensembles is one of the highlights of the year.

SOCIAL ACTION

The mission of the Social Action Committee of Temple Beth Emeth is to assist the congregation in applying Jewish values to promoting social justice through aid, education, and advocacy. These efforts to promote tikkun olam are concentrated on selected issues each year that are of concern to local or global communities. Social action has a prominent role at TBE, taking many forms.

The committee's priorities for involvement and programs for the coming year include: Hunger and Poverty, Women's Rights Issues in Israel and, a continued focus on Israel/Palestine relations.

Ongoing activities include supporting and working at The Back Door Food Pantry, jointly run with St. Clare's Episcopal Church; maintaining the vegetable garden for the pantry located on the congregation's property; long-time involvement with the local Interfaith Hospitality Network/Alpha House; volunteering at the Delonis Center; and several other community outreach programs. Mitzvah Day is an annual one-day service event with several hundred TBE volunteers providing services to agencies in the county. Last year the congregation's efforts helped SOS Community Services in Ypsilanti.

SISTERHOOD AND BROTHERHOOD

The Sisterhood is a vibrant organization with broad-based activities that support both its members and the congregation as a whole. Members also run the gift shop that offers a wide selection of Judaica, gifts, and special order items. Brotherhood is both a service and educational group for the congregation, sponsoring the latke dinner, building the sukkah, and holding both social and educational meetings for its members. (Please see additional sections on Men's and Women's organizations for details and contact information.)

ADULT EDUCATION/PROGRAMS

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Jewish learning is a life-long pursuit that takes on many forms. This year, TBE will be focusing adult education on the study of Torah. A late summer Shabbaton with Rabbi Shefa Gold will kick off the year with Torah study, meditation, and a chance to engage with Torah in a different way. Continuing this year will be the Beit Café series. Each Beit Café highlights the knowledge and wisdom held within the congregation and presented in two-45 minute segments with a gourmet coffee house treat in between. These sessions are held every other month beginning in November and are free.

TBE also offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for adults, at every entry point. They include semester courses in special topics, Basic Judaism courses, study with Rabbi Levy, Cantor Rose and Rabbi Delson, weekly Shabbat Morning Torah Study, a Shabbaton (extended Shabbat programming) with a scholar-in-residence, book clubs, bi-monthly Men's and Women's Torah Study, educational holiday programs, and a themed lecture series. Cantor Rose will again be facilitating a Spirituality Book Club this year, offered as both on an evening and daytime class. Programs are open to temple members and to members of the community-at-large. Stay connected to TBE through the website and become a "friend" on Facebook.

CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community program provides a congregation-wide opportunity to serve fellow congregants in times of joy and sorrow. Through the Caring Community Volunteer Corps (CCVC) congregants assist each other with meals for families with new babies, for congregants that are ill or recovering from surgery, or for a house of mourning. CCVC also provides rides during the day to doctor's appointments and rides to and from services and events at TBE.

Bikkur Cholim provides regular visits to members of the TBE community who are in the hospital, nursing or assisted living centers, or at home. Nachamu (TBE's Bereavement Group) conducts *shiva* services at congregants' homes and provides training for others to participate in this mitzvah. Caregivers support groups meet often to support adult children caring for parents locally and out of town.

New Beginnings is a group that explores issues of conversion and shares information for those who are new to Judaism. Jewish meditation workshops and sessions are held throughout the year; all levels are welcome.

Caring Community is facilitated by the clergy, with the assistance of congregant leaders who are committed to making TBE an inclusive and participatory community.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Services and special celebrations are planned throughout the year on festivals and other holidays. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the congregation offers traditional services along with family services, youth services, and a service for tots and their parents. High Holy Day Services are held at Pease Auditorium on the EMU campus on both Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre, and the mornings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Afternoon and concluding Yom Kippur Services return to the temple on Packard Street. There are separate services each holiday for AARTY. Community members may purchase tickets by contacting the office or using the order form on the website. University students are welcome to attend the services at no charge. Call the TBE office to arrange for tickets.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah include an outdoor sukkah decorating party, services, Israeli dancing and multiple adult study opportunities. The Brotherhood sponsors a latke dinner each Chanukah, which is followed by a service lit by everyone's menorahs. On December 25, the congregation always sponsors a movie at the Michigan Theater.

In the spring, a large annual second night seder is held. Every year, the Generations After group (TBE children and relatives of survivors) write a meaningful Yom Hashoah service for the observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day and a supplemental afternoon service for Yom Kippur. Spring brings a fun megillah reading, and Purim carnival. Shavuot brings the special confirmation service that is written and led by the confirmation class as well as an evening of adult study.

TOT PROGRAMS

TBE offers a weekly 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Robert Levy and Cantor Annie Rose followed by a special dinner. Tot Chanukah, held in conjunction with the annual family service has become a popular event, and tot activities are part of the annual Purim carnival. Caring Community provides baby bags to welcome the newest members of the TBE community. The tot-friendly website offers songs, stories, and blessings: www.tbetots.org.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

TNT, the 20's and 30's group at TBE for young Jewish adults, single or married, meets for both cultural and social events. Canoeing, Sushi in the Sukkah, a Chopped cooking event, potluck Shabbat dinners, and volunteering at community organizations are some of the events done over the past few years. TNT frequently co-sponsors events with other local Jewish young adult groups including a new partnership with J-Hub. The Renaissance Group (RG), for members who are aged 55 and over, holds potluck dinners, game nights, and attends theater events, as well as other social activities, in an effort to encourage connections among members who no longer have children in the Religious School.

TEMPLE BETH EMETH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

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Temple Beth Emeth strives to educate its students to become proficient in the skills needed to be life-long Jewish learners. TBE believes that this is best accomplished within the framework of a vibrant Jewish community. TBE provides students with a curriculum based on Reform Jewish educational philosophy in a manner that is creative, engaging and intellectually stimulating. TBE employs high-quality teachers who are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and committed to Judaism. TBE involves the families of its students in a variety of exciting family education programs.

The Religious and Hebrew School programs serve students from preschool age through grade 12. The curriculum includes studies in areas such as customs and traditions, Torah, holidays, life cycle, prayer, music, history, theology, Israel,

immigration, comparative Judaism, the Holocaust and Jewish ethics. The curriculum is based upon recommendations from the Union of Reform Judaism.

LOWER GRADES

Religious School for preschool-5th grade students is held at TBE on Saturday mornings in two sessions: 8:30–10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Shabbat mornings are filled with singing, Israeli dance, stories, the study of Jewish history, Torah, Israel, mitzvot, ethics and holidays. Each grade has a different focus and the approach is an active hands-on one where students are guided in their learning by teachers who are knowledgeable and have a love of Judaism.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

A monthly parent-child class focusing on Jewish holidays and home rituals is available for three-year-olds. There are family social and educational programs for each grade level. Parenting workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year. A Jewish artist is invited to perform for students and their families each year. On Shabbat morning there is an adult Torah study session, followed by services in the chapel, during the first session of Religious School. These activities help to develop a sense of community and encourage parents to continue their own educational growth.

HEBREW

Students are introduced to the Hebrew alphabet in second grade, and formal Hebrew School begins in third grade and continues through sixth grade. The Hebrew program focuses on Hebrew reading skills and an understanding of the meaning and structure of the prayers. Students are introduced to conversational Hebrew and grammar. TBE offers Conversational Hebrew in 8th grade and many of TBE's high school students study Conversational Hebrew through Keshet, the Community Resource Hebrew Program sponsored by TBE and the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH TRAINING

Cantor Annie Rose offers a bar/bat mitzvah training program in which she teaches students individually as well as in small groups. Students meet with the rabbi to work on their *drash*/speech.

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MUSIC

Students enjoy a strong Jewish music program, led by experienced song leaders as part of the weekly Saturday morning program. Cantor Annie Rose leads a Youth Choir for students in grades 3–5 and Shir Chadash, vocal and instrumental groups for middle and high school students. These musical groups are very popular and meet at times that are coordinated with Hebrew and Religious School sessions. The students have a variety of opportunities to perform throughout the year.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Sixth through twelfth grades have class on Sunday evenings from 6–7:30 p.m. The 170 students participating in this program enjoy sharing pizza and social time before the formal class session begins. 7th graders study mitzvot and participate in a variety of social action projects. The 8th grade class, which studies modern Jewish history, ends with a trip to Jewish New York. The 10th grade confirmation class is taught by Rabbis Levy and Delson and culminates in a Shabbat service that is written and led by the students. Eleventh and twelfth grade seminar options include courses such as "Contemporary Jewish Culture", "Repair the World: Being the Change" and "Family Relations in the Book of Genesis".

MADRICHIM PROGRAM

Ninth grade students participate in a year-long training program, which prepares them for working as a madrich/a (classroom aide). Students in grades 10 through 12 work as office or classroom aides. The 41 madrichim who worked in the classrooms last year served as positive role models for the younger students and added a wonderful energy to the school.

ADVANCED HEBREW STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

High school students are able to receive public school credit (through the Community Resource program) for studying Hebrew language. There were 26 students involved in the Keshet Hebrew CR program last year. This program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County and private donors.

TBE YOUTH GROUPS

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Brian Merlos, youth advisor

ANN ARBOR TEMPLE YOUTH (AARTY)—FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Under the leadership of its board, AARTY has multifaceted programming in the areas of spirituality/religion, community, social action, social events and education. AARTY members plan and implement their own programs, guided by their advisor. Social action programs include the sponsorship of a High Holy Day food drive, Cookie-a-thon and other programs serving the community. Members of AARTY lead High Holy Day services for high school students. Once a month, AARTY holds Shabbat services, which include creative liturgy and music. Affiliated with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), AARTY provides members with opportunities to meet other Jewish high school students at regional gatherings on both the state and national levels. This year, AARTY will host the regional Winter Kallah. NFTY also sponsors a youth leadership summer camp in New York, regional summer camps and programs in Israel.

KADIMA—MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Kadima provides opportunities for middle school students to meet on a monthly basis for programs in the social action, religious, cultural and social areas. Kadima members meet with their advisor to design and plan their programs. During the course of the year activities include joint programming with other middle school-age youth groups from Reform temples in the region. Recent programs have included a shul-in, visits to area attractions, holiday services and retreats.

RISHONIM—3RD–5TH GRADERS

Rishonim meets monthly to give 4th and 5th graders an opportunity to socialize in a setting outside of religious school. Events include holiday celebrations and other social activities.

older adult programs

SPICE OF LIFE

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The Jewish Community Center's Older Adult Program, known as the SPICE (Social, Physical, Intellectual, Cultural and Educational) program, offers a wide range of activities for senior citizens. The SPICE program is a unique resource for the Jewish community, providing information, involvement, and opportunities for developing new friendships and for welcoming newcomers moving into the Ann Arbor area. It validates the talent and expertise of seniors and welcomes all who want to add some "SPICE" to their life.

Regularly scheduled programming includes exercise, games and crafts, current event discussions and special presentations as well as homemade dairy lunches offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Periodically, special events such as concerts, classes and trips take place on other days of the week. Additionally, health monitoring, information and prevention events such as blood pressure checks, memory screening and immunizations are offered. A variety of volunteer activities offer seniors additional ways to socialize and participate in the Jewish community.

The SPICE program provides a range of social, educational, and cultural programming for seniors, including workshops, presentations, and holiday celebrations (such as a community-wide Senior Seder). Groups meeting weekly include current events, literature, creative crafts, and mah jongg. Aerobic and strength-training exercise classes meet twice weekly. The Yiddish group meets weekly to converse and read in Yiddish. A variety of weekly presentations by guest speakers and entertainers aim to inform and stimulate.

The JCC is home to many senior activities that are collaborations with other local organizations. The annual Afternoon Delights series at the JCC features members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. Intergenerational activities are held with the JCC Early Childhood Center and the Hebrew Day School. Additionally the JCC partners with Washtenaw Community College and the University of Michigan Turner Geriatric Center's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute to provide a spectrum of classes and seminars.

In conjunction with the JCC, Jewish Family Services (JFS) helps older adults maintain their independence and enhance their involvement with the community. Geriatric social workers provide case management, assessment, short-term counseling, home visits, crisis intervention, Patient Partners medical accompaniment, information, and referrals for older adults and their families. Volunteers provide friendly visiting and telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. JFS also provides services and programming for caregivers of older adults, including Caregiver Conversations (a monthly support and education group) and individualized caregiver consultation.

adult activities

CHAVERIM B'SHIRIM

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Chaverim B'Shirim is an all-volunteer choir, performing non-liturgical music by Jewish composers whose music spans from the 1600s of Salamone de Rossi to the music of today. The choir has performed the music of George Gershwin, Isaac Dunayevsky, Kurt Weill, Naomi Schemer, Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Harold Rome. Director Marilyn Krimm has a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She has had extensive experience with Jewish music and choral groups, here and in New York.

Singers of all ages and vocal levels are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor

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The Interfaith Hospitality Network provides shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families in Washtenaw County. The program utilizes existing community resources. Each host congregation provides volunteers and meals for 3–6 families for one week, every two to three months, on a rotating schedule. Social service agencies provide screening and referrals.

ISRAELI DANCING OF ANN ARBOR

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The Israeli Dancing of Ann Arbor group meets Thursday evenings, 7:30–10 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Easier dances and oldies take place from 7:30–8:30 p.m., intermediate and requests until 10 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome to join in. Learn the latest Israeli dances and request your favorites. Families and students are welcome. ($5/students and kids are free.)

JCC YIDDISH GROUP

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The JCC Yiddish Group meets weekly to enjoy Yiddish conversation, literature and culture. On the second Friday of the month, the group meets at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. for special programs. Other weeks, the group meets for informal conversation and readings in Yiddish.

JEWISH PROFESSIONALS OF ANN ARBOR

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Michigan Jewish Professionals was established in 2006 to provide local Jewish professionals with opportunities for networking and professional development. The group is open to anyone who works in a professional capacity at an area Jewish agency or is a Jewish professional with strong Ann Arbor connections. The group meets monthly (September–June) and holds special events throughout the year.

RAOUL WALLENBERG ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

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Raoul Wallenberg proved to the world that one person can make a difference in the face of evil. A Swedish citizen who graduated with the highest honors from the University of Michigan in 1935, Wallenberg volunteered during World War II to serve as a U.S. envoy in Hungary. There, his incomparable personal courage and ingenuity saved 100,000 Jewish lives. Today Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as one of the great humanitarians of the twentieth century; he is also one of the University of Michigan's most distinguished alumni.

The Wallenberg Endowment funds an annual lecture and medal presentation to honor this international hero, whose character was partly shaped by his years in school here. Since 1990, this endowed program at the University of Michigan has awarded an annual Wallenberg Medal to an individual whose humanitarian actions exemplify those of Raoul Wallenberg. The medalist program has brought the twentieth century's most outstanding humanitarians to campus to tell their stories.

Wallenberg Medal recipients include, among others, Nobel laureates Elie Wiesel; His Holiness the Dalai Lama; Miep Gies, the woman who supported Anne Frank and her family in hiding; Helen Suzman, a member of the South African parliament; Marion Pritchard, a Dutch woman who rescued Jewish babies during World War II; Simcha Rotem, a Warsaw ghetto fighter; the mime Marcel Marceau, who as a member of the French Resistance smuggled Jewish children into Switzerland; United States Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis; and Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who sheltered more than a thousand people from certain death during Rwanda's civil strife.

The Wallenberg Committee deeply believes that young people must be told the story of Raoul Wallenberg. When Wallenberg's sister, Nina Lagergren, came from Sweden in the fall of 2001 to accept the Wallenberg Medal on behalf of her brother, she emphasized in her lecture the importance of reaching out to young people. It is, after all, the best way to begin to change the world. The Wallenberg

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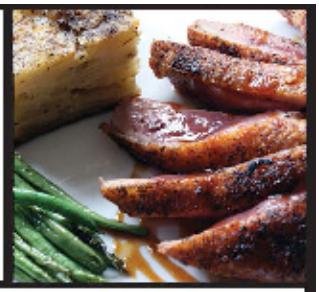

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Committee believes that the example of Raoul Wallenberg can turn young people from helpless cynicism to resolute hopefulness and to awaken them to the belief that one person can make a difference.

For more information about the Wallenberg lecture and ceremony this year, contact Wendy Ascione.

YIDISH TISH (YIDDISH CONVERSATIONAL GROUP)

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Spend a *heymish* hour in *der alter heym* speaking and listening to *mame-loshn*, Yiddish. This informal conversational group, which has been meeting at various venues on and near the University of Michigan central campus for the last several years, is free and open to all lovers of Yiddish language and culture, no matter what level of proficiency, regardless of age, and whether affiliated with the University or not. All manner of topics are discussed, with an effort to improve participants' Yiddish speaking skills, especially vocabulary. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time, or to just listen. Bring your own lunch, if you like, or purchase something from the café. Iz, *kumt un hot hanoe*!

The group meets every Tuesday (except major Jewish holidays and January 1, July 4, and the last week of December) all year round at 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor near the North University entrance in the Michigan League, 911 North University.

men's organizations

BROTHERHOOD, TEMPLE BETH EMETH

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Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood is an organization dedicated to nurturing men's involvement in Temple life. Its goal is to assist members to become better Jews and better men through increased participation in Temple and Brotherhood activities. Active involvement in the congregation and the community brings members together spiritually and socially. Brotherhood is dedicated to providing programming that is meaningful and relevant to its members.

TBE Brotherhood is one of 250 local affiliates of the MRJ-Men of Reform Judaism (Formerly North American Federation of Temple Brotherhoods) with 25,000 members across North America dedicated to the ideals of Reform Judaism and a role for men in congregational life. In addition, the group looks for opportunities to participate in national programming and events.

An up-to-date calendar can be found on the group's webpage, as well as photos of past events.

MEN'S CLUB, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Men's Club meet about once a month and implement several important projects over the course of the congregation year. They maintain the congregation website, organize the ushers over the High Holidays, construct the synagogue Sukkah each year and they host, in concert with Men's Clubs around the world, the Annual World Wide Wrap and Polar Bear Photo, which teaches and encourages the laying of *tefillin* by both men and women. In addition they plan trips to baseball games, help maintain the Beth Israel grounds, and sponsor the annual Gershowitz Memorial Shabbat, which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service. They also organize the distribution of Yom HaShoah memorial candles to the congregation.

women's organizations

HADASSAH

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Hadassah is both the largest women's organization and the largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. Hadassah of Ann Arbor, an organization of over 450 members, has a rich history of activism. It is an organization for women of all ages, providing social outlets and educational opportunities that raise awareness and empower women. The chapter's programs address health, cultural, political and spiritual issues that matter.

Local Hadassah activities include educational programs and several interest groups, including Mahj Jong, and Bridge. New interest groups are always forming. The chapter hosts various fundraising efforts, such as a rummage re-sale, theatre parties, and a donor campaign. Programs that are benefited by the fundraisers include the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem, the Hadassah College Jerusalem, Youth Aliyah/Children at Risk, the

Jewish National Fund and Young Judaea. Hadassah is proud that 94 percent of its fundraising dollars goes directly to such worthwhile projects locally, nationally, in Israel and throughout the world.

In celebration of Hadassah's centennial, life membership is specially priced at $100 from now until December 31, 2011. Annual dues are $36 and life membership is regularly $360.

JEWISH WOMEN'S CIRCLE

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Esther Goldstein, coordinator

The Jewish Women's Circle brings together Jewish women of all ages and backgrounds to learn, laugh, experience and rejuvenate the mind, body and soul. Each of their meetings features discussions, a do-it-yourself activity, a chance to socialize and meet new friends. The group meets 6-7 times a year. There are no membership fees for the group. The Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County is open to all women in the community.

MIKVAH ISRAEL

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Today, the Mikvah is mainly used as a vital part of the laws of family purity. As it has always been the role of a Jewish wife to set the spiritual tone of her home, it is the Jewish wife who ensures the spiritual dimension of the intimate marriage relationship.

The community Mikvah (ritual bath), located at Chabad House, is available for use by the Jewish community. The Ann Arbor Mikvah Israel facility employs a state-of-the-art pool filtering, disinfecting and heating system and is the only such facility between Detroit and Chicago.

Mikvah Israel supports and maintains the Mikvah. A nominal donation is asked of all users.

Mikvah Israel also provides educational material for anyone interested in learning more about this mitzvah. Speakers are available for organizations.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE, BETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

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Members of the Beth Israel Congregation Women's League Sisterhood implement several projects over the course of the congregation year. They help at the annual Beth Israel Fun Fair, have an opening event every September, sponsor the Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah Class and Shabbat, participate in the annual ICPJ's Cropwalk to help end world hunger, do a drive in the winter to collect toys, books, games and more to be given to the children at the University of Michigan's Mott's Children's Hospital, sponsor the Pesach Study with Rabbi Dobrusin, hold an annual Torah Fund Campaign that raises funds for important organizations such as the Jewish Theological Seminary, organize and sponsor the annual Women's League Shabbat which encourages men and women to learn to lead new parts of the service and encourages those who normally don't participate to do so, host an annual Women's League Sisterhood Membership Appreciation Luncheon and Board Installation Ceremony, and host the fall Chanukah-Mania Sale. The Women's League Sisterhood offers the following programs throughout the year: Rosh Chodesh events, Jewish parents' Bible study and discussion groups, Jewish Cooking/Baking Club, the Beth Israel Café, a monthly bowling league, Yoga, Alpha-Bet Yoga, and community service opportunities. The Women's League Gift Shop offers Judaica items for all occasions,; the giftshop is open on Sunday mornings during religious school from 9:30 a.m.–noon or by appointment. The Gift Shop is open to the entire Jewish community.

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TBE Sisterhood is also the Ann Arbor chapter of Women of Reform Judaism. In addition to social occasions, the group organizes a variety of activities and programs that support congregational, local and international WRJ initiatives. Active volunteers make for a friendly and welcoming way for women to engage in TBE community life. Non-TBE members are also welcome to join.

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Sweet Beginnings is an award-winning "review party" on the first day of Hebrew School in the fall. Each bar and bat mitzvah receives a kiddush cup from Sisterhood, and college students receive gift packages at Chanukah and Purim. First-time Jewish campers receive scholarship support. Sisterhood contributes to the TBE Youth Advisor's salary, to AARTY convention travel, and additional funds to the TBE religious school.

The entire Jewish Community is welcome to shop at the Sisterhood-run TBE Gift Shop which carries a wide variety of Judaica in a broad price range. The shop is open Mondays and Wednesdays during Hebrew School, Fridays before services, and Sundays, 5:30–7 p.m. It is also open by appointment; contact Amy Paberzs (668-6842; amypab@hotmail.com).

Local non-profits receive donations or support through Sisterhood. Members also cook and staff the Ronald McDonald House during Christian holidays.

Through the WRJ affiliation, Sisterhood contributes to the Hebrew Union Collage (rabbinic and cantorial scholarships), the Jewish Braille Institute, the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ), and several Reform nursery schools in Israel. Sisterhood board members benefit from WRJ leadership training and resource sharing at district and national meetings.

In addition to these programs, the group has informal monthly dinners and lunches, afternoon and evening mahj groups, bi-weekly Women's Torah Study, a Book/Movie Club, periodic lectures, workshops, trips, and activities. This year's welcoming brunch will be held September 26.

ORT AMERICA, ANN ARBOR CHAPTER

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Members of the Ann Arbor Chapter of ORT America raise money each year to support World ORT with its goals of providing students with marketable skills which enable them to attain successful careers, become community leaders, and live independently.

The chapter holds three major events during the year. The Fall Opening event will be held on Sunday, October 18. The event will be a brunch with an "Eat LocavORT" menu, featuring healthy recipes using Michigan ingredients when possible.

The annual Chanukah party will be on Sunday, December 18. The June Donor dinner will take place on Monday, June 4, 2012. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend to learn more about ORT and to socialize with old and new friends.

Members of the Ann Arbor ORT chapter may join the monthly Book Group, which discusses books of Jewish content. The Cinema Club also meets monthly for dinner and a movie. Greeting cards and tributes, for all occasions and holidays, are available from the chapter. Annual donations of $36 or more are requested to help World ORT fund its important programs. Lifetime memberships are also available.

Each year, over 300,000 students in 55 countries are trained and empowered by ORT's cutting-edge curriculum and

strategic education initiatives. Closer to home, the Hermelin ORT Resource Center in West Bloomfield offers a wide range of classes and programs, including the very successful Better Jobs Opportunity Program, which provides job skills training to the unemployed and under-employed in southeastern Michigan.

YAD SHOSHANA

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Yad Shoshana was organized in 1990 in memory of Shoshana Sternberg, a local woman who touched the hearts of many. The group gives assistance to Jews in need in Washtenaw County. Activities include visiting the sick and elderly, preparing meals and helping new immigrants assimilate.

campus organizations

HILLEL AT EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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Hillel at Eastern Michigan University is a pluralistic Jewish cultural and educational organization serving Jewish students at Eastern and Washtenaw Community College. It is the only Jewish organization in Ypsilanti, and often the only Jewish connection for EMU students during their college years. Hillel at EMU operates out of a renovated house on Washtenaw Avenue across from the EMU campus.

Participation in programs and events offered has grown significantly in the last year due to dynamic student leadership and involvement. Hillel at EMU also regularly partners with Eastern faculty and EMU Campus Life to bring major speakers and events to campus. Regular offerings by Hillel at EMU include student-prepared Shabbat Dinners, holiday celebrations, bowling nights, and opportunities for Jewish learning and exploration. In addition to serving the EMU and WCC Jewish student populations, Hillel at EMU works to educate the broader campus communities and advocate for Jewish students. Hillel at EMU is dedicated to empowering and engaging Jewish students, strengthening their connection to Judaism, and guiding them to become future Jewish community leaders. Hillel at EMU gives students the tools to explore Jewish life as independent young adults.

GROUPS AND INITIATIVES

Student Advisory Board. Student volunteer leaders work together to maintain Hillel at EMU's presence on both the EMU and WCC campuses by engaging peers in Jewish discussions, events, and activities.

Shabbat Student Corps. EMU and WCC students join together to prepare and lead Kabbalat Shabbat Services and Shabbat dinner about twice per month. Students create their own meaningful and engaging Shabbat experiences, including themed dinners, engaging discussions, and family-included Shabbat evenings.

Alternative Spring Break (ASB). Students devote their spring break to hands-on community service and social justice work. Participants use Jewish values and ideas as a framework to explore the inequalities of society and what they can do as individuals and as an organized group to address these challenges.

Taglit-Birthright Israel. Hillel at EMU connects students to this free 10-day, life-altering trip to Israel through Taglit-Birthright Israel trip providers. Any Jews ages 18-26 who have never been to Israel on an organized peer trip can apply in February for the annual spring/summer trips.

Gaygle. EMU's Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allies student group provides an accepting atmosphere where students of any sexual orientation and any Jewish background can build a supportive Jewish community around LGBT Issues and offer educational programs and events on campus.

Jewish Education Students . This student group promotes cross-cultural understanding in EMU's School of Education. It provides Jewish students with opportunities to network with one another and to explore professional possibilities as Jewish educators. Jewish Ed students provide important opportunities for non-Jewish education students to gain a greater understanding of Judaism as it relates to their future students.

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Hillel is the second largest student programming organization at the University of Michigan and serves as an umbrella organization for over 50 independent student groups. These groups represent a diverse spectrum of approaches to Jewish life that combines the religious (traditional and alternative), cultural, intellectual, political and social. At U-M Hillel students work hard and play hard. Groups are peer-led and students gain invaluable leadership skills from their experiences. Hillel is one of the best places to hang out on the U-M campus whether to catch a movie, enjoy a gourmet kosher meal (lunch and dinner served daily) or to use as a study base (the Hillel building has wireless internet access). There is also a wide array of information about jobs, scholarships, study abroad, visiting Israel, programs happening on campus and volunteer opportunities in the community. U-M Hillel staff provide support, guidance, counseling and leadership development for students on campus.

ISRAEL GROUPS AND PROGRAMS

AMI, the American Movement for Israel, is the U-M's mainstream Israel organization. Through educational programs and political activism, AMI promotes support and understanding of Israel and its people.

JStreetUmich promotes progressive social and political issues and peace initiatives. The group also co-sponsors dialogue and discussion with other student groups on campus.

U-M Hillel's **Taglit-Birthright Israel** trip provides an opportunity for an exhilarating free 10-day visit to Israel for students 18–26.

JEWISH EDUCATION

Hillel's **ZiG:** New Perspectives on Jewish Learning offers both traditional and non-traditional opportunities to connect to Jewish tradition with courses in Torah study, basic Judaism, Talmud, and Hebrew, as well as yoga, Jewish cooking, and more. The classes are designed to meet the needs of full-time students and working people who have limited time but want the opportunity for continued Jewish learning.

Shulchan Ivrit provides a weekly opportunity for students of all levels of proficiency to speak Hebrew together.

Jewish Take Out Menu offers Jewish learning brought straight to the student's door. Students gather a group of friends and pick from a menu of Jewish classes taught by the Hillel staff and student leaders.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Hillel offers a variety of religious services and groups, including the Reform Havurah with it's creative, musically-oriented, Friday night service; Dor Chadash: Conservative Minyan, with vibrant egalitarian services; the Orthodox Minyan, which draws its membership from the community as well as from university faculty and students; and Shalvah, an independent and spirited traditional egalitarian service with Shlomo Carlebach melodies. The Orthodox Minyan holds daily services in addition to Shabbat and holiday services.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Kol HaKavod is U-M Hillel's a cappella singing group. The ensemble performs a varied repertoire of close harmonies in English, Hebrew, and Ladino, with music taken from Jewish liturgical and historical sources, Israeli folk songs, and translated popular tunes.

SHOUT, Students Honoring Outstanding University Teaching, conducts a campus-wide nomination process in order to select the year's recipient of the Golden Apple Award. The winning U-M teacher, in addition to receiving a Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize, delivers his or her ideal "last lecture." The Golden Apple Award is sponsored by Hillel and Apple Computer Inc. and is co-sponsored by more than 20 U-M academic units and student groups.

Consider Magazine is a publication presenting different viewpoints on a variety of issues, both local and international. It is available in racks at Hillel and in most major university buildings.

Volunteers in Action is a social action group that works in soup kitchens and on projects for the homeless, children, and the elderly. It often collaborates with other community groups.

J-GAME: The Jewish Graduate student program consists of several organizations that serve Jewish graduate students. These organizations are based both on professional schools and interests: JAGS (Jewish Association of Graduate Students), JLSA (Jewish Law Student Association), RJSA (Ross Jewish Students Association), OJSW (Organization of Jewish Social Workers), JeMSA (Jewish Medical Students Association), J-GAME Israel, J-GAME Social Events, J-GAME Jewish Learning, J-GAME Sports, and

J-GAME Friday Night Dinners. Students can choose to be on as many or as few of these lists as possible. These groups meet frequently, offering a setting for graduate students to meet their peers.

AAJR –African American Jewish Relations –builds positive connections between the Black and Jewish communities on campus by exploring their historical and cultural roots.

Ahava, the Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer student group, offers programming, discussion groups, speakers and social events that meet the needs of the diverse Jewish LGBTQ community on campus.

The Conference on the Holocaust (COTH) is a year-long series of events planned by students designed to present a cross-section of scholarly, personal, historical and theological perspectives on the Holocaust. COTH organizes an annual trip for university students to tour the Holocaust Museum in Suburban Detroit and a Survivors' Luncheon, which hosts over 40 survivors and 300 students.

Jewish Greek Council brings together Jewish students who are members of sororities and fraternities. The group sponsors social action projects and hosts Shabbat dinners and social events.

The Intramural Sports Program fields a broad range of teams that compete in the U-M's intramural sports program. These teams compete in soccer, football, volleyball, softball, floor hockey, and ice hockey in which Hillel has won the campus championship twice in the past three years.

Sarah's Kitchen, also called "Hillel's Café," serves gourmet lunches and dinners Sunday-Friday during the academic year. U-M students on board contract in a residence hall can use their "Blue Bucks" to pay for meals, and anyone can eat at Hillel on a walk-in basis. Friday night Shabbat dinners are available to U-M students at no charge.

Challah for Hunger raises awareness of and money for hunger and disaster relief through the baking and selling of challah.

MuJew is a dialogue and programming group for Muslim and Jewish students to come together on campus. There is also an annual alternative spring break trip to help build the MuJew community.

The Jewish Penicillin Hotline (iwantsoup@umich.edu) delivers kosher chicken soup with matzoh balls to any U-M student who is feeling sick.

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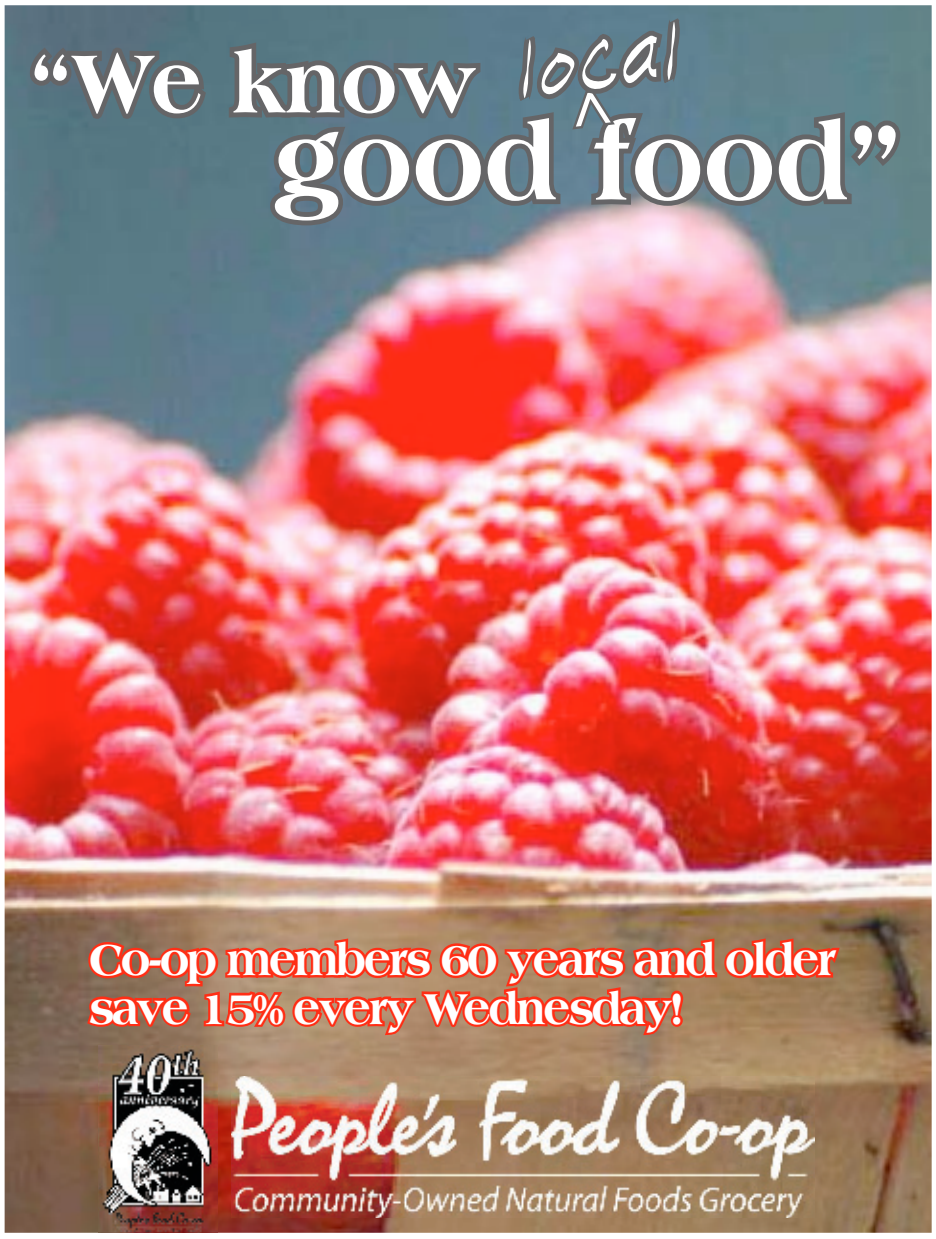


The Jewish Women's Forum explores women's roles in Judaism, offering study groups, speakers, Rosh Hodesh celebrations, and an annual women's seder.

UM Hillel's Alternative Spring Breaks provide students with hands-on experience in *tikkum olam* (repair of the world) in both international and domestic sites. Past JPOG groups have been involved in service projects in Uruguay, Argentina, the Ukraine, and Nicaragua, as well as Hurricane Katrina relief work in the Gulf Coast.

Jewish Perspectives on Globalization provides a forum for students to explore global issues through a Jewish lens. Students develop programming to raise awareness around social responsibility, environmental awareness and being a global citizen.

Hayerukim (Hebrew for "The Greens") provides a forum for students to engage in environmental activism from a Jewish perspective and the opportunity to help create a more sustainable Hillel, university and world.

Makom is an experiential intra-Jewish dialogue that aims to bring together a diverse group of student to explore various contentious issues that impact American Jews. By working to find common ground, participants will build substantive alliances, paving the way for greater respect, tolerance, inclusiveness, allyhood, and meaningful collaboration.

Health and Wellness is a new Hillel group, focused on healthy living, fitness and overall wellness. The group coordinates Hillel's yoga classes (twice weekly) and organizes and co-sponsors events that promote a healthy lifestyle.

Shmooze is a Jewish cultural organization whose goal is to spread Jewish culture throughout Hillel and the university community through cultural events like the Kugel Cook-off and M-Shvitz that meets weekly to shmooze in the men's sauna.

Michigan Mensch provides mentorship and guidance for incoming Wolverines. Freshmen are paired with upperclassmen Mensches and get together once a month to chat over coffee on Hillel.

Hillel's ARTs group (HARTS) creates community and programming for students with an interest in the arts. Students come together to learn new skills and techniques and share their artistic work building up to a student exhibit.

Krav Maga –students come to Hillel for a taste of Israeli culture by learning effective Israeli self-defense techniques from a professional Krav Maga instructor.

JEngA is Hillel's Jewish Engineering Students Association, planning social and cultural events for Jewish engineers.

JEWSIC –Hillel's music program provides a forum for musical students to come together to jam and share music in monthly sessions. All levels are welcome. U-M Hillel also has a jazz and klezmer band that plays on campus and in the community.

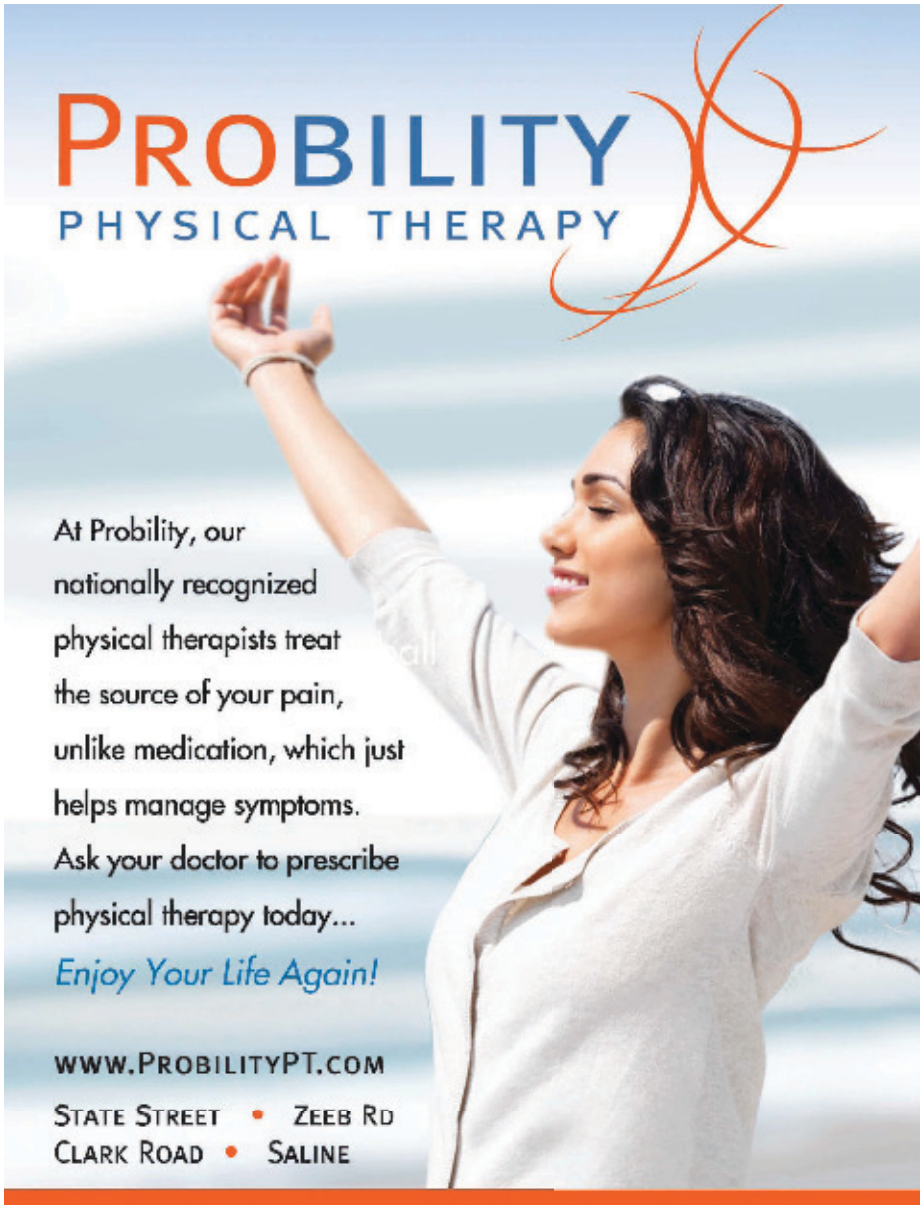
Improfessionals is Hillel's own comedy improv group that performs all over campus and has a great fan base. Practice is weekly and tryouts happen twice a year.

FYSH –First Year Students of Hillel –and the residence student outreach committee organize social programming targeted at freshmen to help students meet and develop new friends in Hillel. These groups help foster community in residences on both North and Central Campuses.

Hillel is home to **Will Work for Food** (WWFF), an independent student group that encourages students to partake in a community effort and get sponsored by their family and friends with a donation to WWFF. All money raised through these sponsored work efforts will go directly to alleviate child malnutrition in Darfur through Doctors Without Borders. For more information, visit www.willworkforfood.org.

Hillel also supports **Good Sports,** a new community service project designed to help fund Detroit inner city youth sports programs for underprivileged youth by raising money through Michigan students' participation in Intramural and other sports activities.

U-M Hillel is also a partner to and/or supporter of **TEDxUofM, Dance Marathon, United to Heal, K-Grams, Go Blue Wear Pink, and Relay for Life,** encouraging student involvement in these volunteer and fundraising initiatives.



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U-M CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES

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Hebrew and Jewish Cultural Studies is a division of the department of Near Eastern Studies at the University of Michigan that offers classes and lectures. Undergraduate and graduate courses are offered in literature, culture and language, from ancient to modern. Examples of courses include Hebrew (all levels), Israeli Culture and Society, Perspectives on the Holocaust, Jewish Mysticism, Ancient Jewish History, Rabbinic Literature and Contemporary Israeli Literature. Hebrew classes are taught by native speakers.

In addition, faculty and visitors give talks during the academic year to which the community is invited. Contact the department to get on the lecture mailing list.

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The program combines academic study in Judaic Studies and Social Work, experiential training in non-profit management, and hands-on engagement with contemporary communal challenges. Students serve as non-voting board members at local Jewish agencies and pursue field placements with outstanding community agencies locally, nationally, and around the world.

Hailing from across the United States, JCLP students become active members of the Ann Arbor Jewish community. JCLP works to expand its conversations beyond the University by hosting numerous programs with national speakers intended to engage the public in challenging discussions about the present and future of Jewish community.

Throughout their experience, JCLP students become active participants in the work of imagining and building a Jewish communal future.

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The Judaic holdings of the University of Michigan Graduate Library are part of the Near East Division of Area Programs. The collection includes some 60,000 titles in Hebrew and Yiddish. Western-language Judaica holdings number approximately 50,500. Annually, the library adds about 1,000 Hebrew and Yiddish titles to the collection and 1,500 titles relevant to Jewish studies in western languages. The

Judaica/Hebraica unit of the Near East Division serves the reference and research needs of U-M faculty and graduate students, as well as members of the local community and visiting. The staff also selects and acquires materials in all languages in Jewish studies for the Library.

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Since 1970, Jewish Studies at the University of Michigan has thrived as an interdisciplinary endeavor drawing on the rich resources of a diverse faculty, educating undergraduate and graduate students, and engaging the community. The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies has become an international leader with faculty integrated in top-tier departments throughout the University of Michigan's Ann Arbor campus. The Center offers students opportunities for in-depth study of modern Jewish literatures and cultures, Hebrew and Yiddish languages, Rabbinic, law, politics, and Jewish history from the ancient to modern eras. Students benefit from the academic excellence of faculty with strengths extending from the study of ancient Jewish law to the role of Yiddish in the modern world.

The inauguration of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies in 2007 has made the University of Michigan a premiere site for Jewish studies in the United States. The Institute brings 14 of the world's leading scholars from a variety of disciplines to Ann Arbor for an academic year. While at Michigan, these Institute Fellows share their research with the local community through public presentations and lectures.

The Frankel Center also sponsors numerous lectures, conferences, exhibits and other events throughout the academic year, including two high-profile annual programs: the Louis and Helen Padnos Lecture in Judaic Studies and the David W. Belin Lecture in American Jewish Affairs. All events are typically free and open to the public.

education

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As with other academic high school courses, students are expected to complete homework, take quizzes, exams, and occasionally prepare class presentations. Attendance and participation are key. Class material is level appropriate and naturally contains cultural components such as Israeli movies, songs, newspapers and more, to make the language learning experience wholesome and well rounded. Keshet offers four levels of Hebrew, from beginners to advanced, and students come from all walks of the Ann Arbor community.

Not all Keshet students take it for credit; some are there for their love of the language and their sincere interest in learning how to communicate in Hebrew. These driven teens are an integral part of classes; they attend regularly, take the exams and participate in other Keshet activities. Keshet is proud to have such motivated students and to be a part of their busy schedules.

Keshet is recognized by the Ann Arbor Public School Community Resource (CR) department, a unique system that lets high school students take a class not offered in their school, and get credit for it. Keshet fulfills CR requirements and maintains close contact with the CR monitor throughout the year.

All classes meet on Monday nights (6:30–8:30 pm), while the other meeting day is determined in September by each

teacher and their students. Monday night is pizza night, and students are invited to come earlier (6 p.m.) and enjoy social time with their peers. Keshet follows the Ann Arbor Public Schools calendar as well as the Jewish calendar, and commemorates major Israeli events such as Yitzhak Rabin's Memorial Day, Israel's Independence Day, and more.

Classrooms for Keshet are provided by both Beth Israel Congregation and Temple Beth Emeth; Keshet thankfully acknowledges the educational cooperation and support of these two synagogues and their educational directors. Keshet is funded by a grant from the Jewish Federation, and supported by donations from parents, as well as by gifts from generous members in the community who care about quality Hebrew instruction. Co-sponsors include Beth Israel Religious School, Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

See Congregations, Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah

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Chabad House offers pre-bar/bat mitzvah classes for children ages 10–13. Students preparing for bar or bat mitzvah receive instruction from Rabbi Zalman or Shternie Zweibel. Private tutorial classes are also offered to adults to learn specific areas of Torah.

T.E.P. (TORAH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM)

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The program for youth 5–14 years old, explores the world of Jewish values, customs and texts. The children learn Hebrew reading and writing, the core prayers of Jewish tradition, and study Jewish holidays and history. Advanced students also study the Torah commentary of Rashi, one of Judaism's greatest teachers.

The goal of TEP is not only to teach Hebrew as a language, but also to teach what's behind the language and the joy of Judaism. Three levels are offered: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Classes meet on Sundays and Wednesdays.

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Chabad House provides access to these two milestones in computerized Judaic reference and text tools on CD-ROM. The Judaic Classics Library answers questions about the Tanach (Five Books of Moses, Prophets and Scriptures), the Babylonian Talmud and Rashis commentaries on both the Talmud and the Torah. The Global Jewish Database Project includes texts such as the Jerusalem Bible, Maimonides, the Code of Jewish Law and 253 books of Responsa (rabbinic commentaries and answers to inquiries) covering a period of over 1,000 years.

JEWISH EDUCATORS COUNCIL OF ANN ARBOR

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Terri Ginsburg, chair

The Jewish Educators Council provides Ann Arbor Jewish Educational Leaders with opportunities to discuss issues of mutual concern, develop additional professional skills and knowledge in areas of Jewish education and collaborate on programming options for teachers and students. The council consists of the directors of Beth Israel Congregation Religious School, the Hebrew Day School, the JCC Early Childhood Center, the Jewish Cultural School, the Reconstructionist Havurah, Keshet Ann Arbor and Temple Beth Emeth Religious School.

The Council sponsors opportunities for

teacher training on the local level during the school year. It brings in one nationally known Scholar In Residence who leads a teacher workshop and spends time in each school working with students and one conference featuring local educational experts. The Jewish Educators Council is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and participating organizations.

youth activities

BETH ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAMS

See Congregations, Beth Israel Congregation

CAMP GAN ISRAEL

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Shternie Zwiebel, director

Camp Gan Israel is a summer camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating day camp experi-

ence. C.G.I. of Ann Arbor is part of the largest and fastest growing network of day camps, enjoying a reputation as a pioneer in Jewish camping, with innovative ideas and creative activities, to both provide enjoyment and inspire children to try new and exciting things.

Camp Gan Israel was created to provide children with a fun and meaningful summer program, while fostering growth individually and socially in a Jewish atmosphere. The daily schedule includes an exciting mix of sports, field trips, special programs and activities designed to be educational, fun and conducive to building character and nurturing friendships.

Camp Gan Israel is for children ages 4–13 with four divisions:

1. Mini Gan Izzy for ages 4–5 years

2. Junior Division for kids entering 1st–2nd grade

3. Sabra for kids entering 3rd–4th grade

4. Pioneer for kids entering 5th–8th grade

The program includes field trips to many places in Southeast Michigan; three-times-a-week swimming; and three-times-a-week "icamp," an innovative program where the campers can choose their activities, such as: dance, woodworking, art, tennis, a science program, gymnastics, music, jewelry making, cooking, origami, martial arts, yoga, chess, nature, and other sports. Every Friday there is a Shabbat celebration which includes a Shabbat party and challa baking.

Camp Gan Israel's Judaic programming is designed to instill campers with a love for Judaism and pride in their Jewish identity. The camp Judaic experience is comprised of engaging activities, hands-on projects, stories, songs and crafts. Camp is filled with programming that teaches children positive values and character traits, taught in a fun, exciting way.

There is a camp theme each year on which all activities center, and it is emphasized that every child, irrespective of their level of Jewish observance, becomes a part of the Gan Israel family.

Camp Gan Israel is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. It is located at Clonlara School, 1289 Jewett Road. Camp Gan Israel runs for seven weeks during the summer

GAN YELADIM ENRICHMENT

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Gan Yeladim, for children ages 2–5 years, meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1–4 p.m. At Gan Yeladim each child is encouraged to make choices with respect towards him/herself, others and his/her surroundings.

Group leaders seek to nourish each child's heart and mind as their cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills are developed, so that each child will be a well-rounded person capable of solving problems and adapting to new situations. Children are educated in a creative, supportive, and warm Jewish environment, so that each child will learn about life as a Jew.

Gan Yeladim Playgroup seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for each and every child. Group leaders are devoted to helping children learn socialization skills, building their self-confidence and teaching them the about Jewish values and rituals through songs, stories and arts and crafts. In addition, they seek to ignite a spark in each child to lay claim to his Jewish heritage and commit him or her to a lifetime passion for Jewish learning.

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Camp Tavor in Three Rivers, Michigan, is for children in grades 4–12. Camp Tavor is an overnight, co-ed camp that fosters enduring friendships, life skills, and a connection to Israel in an exciting, dynamic, fun-filled environment. Campers entering 11th grade can travel to Israel with peers who attend any of the seven Habonim-Dror camps in North America.

The local Habonim-Dror youth group, Ken Pardes, offers activities for all Jewish kids ages 8–18. During the school year Ken Pardes has events at least once a month near the University of Michigan campus.

JCC YOUTH PROGRAMMING, MACCABI YOUTH GAMES, CAMP RAANANA

See Community Organizations, Jewish Community Center

TEMPLE BETH EMETH YOUTH GROUPS

See Congregations, Temple Beth Emeth

YOUNG JUDAEA

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Young Judaea is the peer-led, Zionist youth movement of Hadassah that aims to provide a positive Jewish experience through hands-on learning and fun. There are three divisions: Ofarim (grades 3–5), Tsofim (grades 6–7) and Bogrim (grades 8–12). In Ann Arbor, meetings are held at the JCC or in members' homes. Regional conventions for all levels are held during the school year. Summer programs include: Camp Young Judaea in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for grades 3–9; Camp Tel Yehudah in Barryville, New York, for grades 9–12; and summer programs in Israel for high schoolers. There are also programs in Israel for high school graduates, college juniors and young adults.

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FEDERATION ALLIANCE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

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The Jewish community's central educational resource, the Federation's Alliance for Jewish Education, provides an array of services that enhance Jewish knowledge, identity and pride. The Alliance provides a support system for all congregational schools, nursery through grade 12, including teacher training and consultation and innovative curriculum development, and specialized assistance for children with special needs. Children with special needs attend weekly classes sponsored by the Alliance. In addition, Jewish Experiences for Families creates programs that help families strengthen their Jewish identity. The Alliance offers ongoing and one-time adult educational courses through the Lifelong Learning Classes and the Florence Melton Adult Mini School, and community-wide programming for teens. It is also home to the Teachers' Resource Center.

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The Jewish Community Centers of Metropolitan Detroit strive to enrich lives by conveying the importance of personal identity, social values and well-being within the Jewish and general community. This is accomplished through the offering of educational, cultural and recreational programs which strengthen the body and mind.

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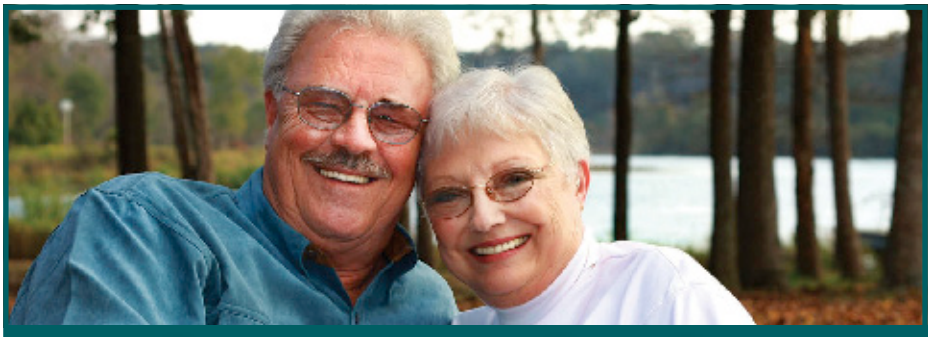

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The Federation, the central communal organization of the metropolitan Detroit Jewish community, plays a leadership role in identifying the needs of that community in partnership with its agencies. It mobilizes human and financial resources, engages in communal planning and allocation and advocates meeting the needs of families and individuals. The Federation seeks to further the relationship between the Jewish community and the community at large in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE

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The Jewish Vocational Service (JVS) provides a comprehensive and integrated vocational service program, including job placement, career and educational counseling, rehabilitation services and assistance in securing funding for education. Additionally, JVS provides specialized services for senior adults, including adult day care, and outreach for those isolated from the community.

Keeping kosher in Ann Arbor

by Marcie Greenfield

If you're keeping a kosher home in Washtenaw County, there are plenty of options. Hiller's and Trader Joe's are your best bet. Both offer a wide variety of kosher products and fresh kosher meat. Whole Foods, People's Food Co-op and Arbor Farms add to the abundance of vegetarian/kosher foods available locally.

Hiller's, a Michigan-owned grocery store with several locations around the Detroit metro area, has the largest selection of kosher goods, with sections in both the international and wine aisles, and the refrigerator and freezer cases. They offer fresh and frozen kosher beef, chicken and turkey. They also have the most extensive selection for Passover. Ask at the service desk if you don't see what you want because they may be able to order it.

Trader Joe's has a printed list of kosher products sold there (including a list detailing the kosher symbols on their packages). You can get the list at the store or on their website (traderjoes.com) under products/labels and lists. They usually stock most fresh chicken options, turkey and sometimes ribeye steak. They also carry a kosher cheddar cheese by Tillamook.

There also are plenty of vegetarian options (including cheeses without rennet) at the People's Food Coop, Whole Foods (they also have a list of kosher foods sold there and a small frozen kosher section) and Arbor Farms. Zingerman's Deli sells kosher-certified tuna, vinegars, honey, olive oil, chocolates, salt, and several cheeses with vegetarian rennet. Monahans Seafood Market at Kerrytown Market is a great source for fresh fish.

You can find kosher wine at many stores, including Hiller's, Whole Foods, Stadium Market (corner of Stadium and Packard) and Morgan and York on Packard. About 40 minutes away is a full-service kosher butcher (Harvard Kosher Meat) and bakery (Bake Station) in West Bloomfield and a kosher grocery store (One Stop Kosher), with a large selection of fresh meat and produce, in Oak Park.

To stay abreast of recent happenings in the kosher world, you can subscribe to Kosher-Gram, published by Va'ad Harabonim (Rabbinical Council) of Detroit. Call (248) 559-5005 to be put on the mailing list. Kashrut alerts also are posted on the Orthodox Union website, ou.org.

Chabad House provides classes and assistance to community members who are interested in kashering their kitchen. Call 995-3276 for details.

The following stores offer a wide variety of kosher foods:

- Arbor Farms, 2103 West Stadium Blvd.
- Hiller's Market, 3615 Washtenaw Ave.
- Monahan's Seafood Market, 407 North 5th Ave. (Kerrytown)
- People's Food Coop, 216 North 4th Ave.
- Trader Joe's, 2398 East Stadium Blvd.
- Whole Foods Market, 3135 Washtenaw Ave.

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